Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 23:25:56 -0400

From: "ladyofthelake@cox.net" < ladyofthelake@cox.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely,

April Miller-LePage April Miller-LePage 9241 N. 32nd Street Phoenix, AZ 85028

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 23:25:46 -0400

From: "Ronn@LumiSun.com" <Ronn@LumiSun.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Ronn Koester 5706 Bonsels Pkwy. Toledo, OH 43615

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 23:25:46 -0400

From: "sjessup@citlink.net" <sjessup@citlink.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Sarah Jessup POB 1332 McCall, ID 83638

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 23:25:16 -0400

From: "register@phalange.corrupt.net" <register@phalange.corrupt.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Jim Kang Jim Kang 1724 Locust Place #107 schaumburg, IL 60173

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 23:24:56 -0400

From: "ellpell@pacbell.net" <ellpell@pacbell.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. It is so sad that we have to work every day to protect our natural resources from corporate greed. it's the silent war. I just want my baby daughter to enjoy the quality of life that so many of us apathetic americans take for granted. Please do anything you can to help. In the end, money will not save us from the destuction caused by our voracity.

Sincerely, Elizabeth Borelli Elizabeth Borelli 834 Romani Court San Jose, CA 95125

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 23:22:36 -0400

From: "Jenee821@hotmail.com" < Jenee821@hotmail.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Jenna Engelstein 19 Woodstream Dr. Delmar, NY 12054

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 23:20:26 -0400

From: "BobbiedeeF@netscape.net" <BobbiedeeF@netscape.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Mr. Bobbie Dee Flowers 418 West 17th Street, Apt 22A New York, NY 10011-5826

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 23:18:06 -0400

From: "naominemtzow@hotmail.com" <naominemtzow@hotmail.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Naomi Nemtzow 25 Windsor Place Brooklyn, NY 11215

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 23:17:06 -0400

From: "mikebailey@sprintmail.com" <mikebailey@sprintmail.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

In the movie "Perfect Storm" the captain is faced with a scarcity of fish in his accustomed waters. Looking beyond the tragedy in the story, the facts seem to indicate that fish are not an unlimited resource. If conserved, nature will replenish their numbers. If wasted through greed, they will go the way of the buffalo and the passenger pigeon.

Sincerely,

Michael Bailey 241 N 21st St Kansas City, KS 66102

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 23:13:36 -0400

From: "hpvpaul2@yahoo.com" <hpvpaul2@yahoo.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

The oceans breath life into this planet, their down fall will mean the end of all that we know.

Sincerely, Paul Keene

P)aul Keene 3552 S. Cheryl Dr. Flagstaff, AZ 86001

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 23:11:36 -0400

From: "markz2@earthlink.net" <markz2@earthlink.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

I saw on tonight's news that the government just released a comprehensive report on the declining health of the world's oceans. The report concerned not just fisheries but pollutants, global warming, acid rain etc.

If we truly want to be the world's leader we need to lead in positive and inspiring ways. This would be a great start.

Sincerely, Mark Zimmermann 809 S. 70th Plaza #4 Omaha, NE 68106

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 23:10:56 -0400

From: "Bschancock@starpower.net" <Bschancock@starpower.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

I am an ocean lover and user. Over my 25 years of scuba diving and sailing I have seen a drastic decline in sea life and habitat. Please help stop the decline.

Sincerely, Sherry C. Hancock 1507 Decatur St. NW Washington, DC 20011

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 23:10:26 -0400

From: "onehappycouple@mac.com" <onehappycouple@mac.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Warren Sander 12 Bassett Rd Asheville, NC 28804

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 23:07:46 -0400

From: "shannon_house@hotmail.com" <shannon_house@hotmail.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Shannon House

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 23:05:36 -0400

From: "amanda.sylor@houghton.edu" <amanda.sylor@houghton.edu>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. We care about the oceans and what they add to this beautiful earth we live in. Let's keep them around and protect the unique wildlife that live in these waters!

Sincerely,

Amanda Amanda Sylor CPO 1608 Houghton College Houghton, NY 14744

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 23:03:16 -0400

From: "sjmsol@hotmail.com" <sjmsol@hotmail.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Susan Montague 19 Elizabeth Lane Queensbury,, NY 12804

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 23:02:26 -0400

From: "bharrison@kreative.net" <bharrison@kreative.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Barbara Harrison 11519 Turnbridge Lane Reston, VA 20194

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 23:01:46 -0400

From: "mcpooh3@cox.net" <mcpooh3@cox.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Blair McLaughlin 10284 E Star of the Desert Scottsdale, AZ 85255

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:59:45 -0400

From: "jrexcoyote@aol.com" <jrexcoyote@aol.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

Nearly every report on oceans and fishery resources come to the same conclusion -- overfishing and habitat destruction threaten our ocean ecosystems.

Your agency should take the lead in protecting resources for as far into the future as we can imagine. I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines!

Sincerely, Jan Garton 219 Westwood Rd. Manhattan, KS 66502

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:59:25 -0400

From: "mvglynn@msn.com" <mvglynn@msn.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Martin Glynn 417 W. Spring Creek Dr. Bozeman, MT 59715

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:58:55 -0400

From: "benjmates@att.net" <benjmates@att.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Ben Mates 2879 Fillmore St. Salt Lake City, UT 84106

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:58:15 -0400

From: "amyjogoddard@yahoo.com" <amyjogoddard@yahoo.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I am deeply concerned about the status and future of our ocean habitat. Our oceans can only sustain so much of our waste, our fishing and human destruction. The ocean is a living place that sustains thousands of life forms that need clean water just like we humans do. Our practices of overfishing are depleting and threatening many species of fish. We cannot continue to do this. I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines, but to make those guidelines and protections much stronger. Please do not continue to allow the destruction of one of our most precious resources on earth.

Sincerely,

Amy Jo Goddard, MA Amy Jo Goddard 240 15th Street Brooklyn, NY 11215

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:57:55 -0400

From: "hither@mm.com" < hither@mm.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, floyd hiar 5485 w 135th street savage, MN 55378

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:55:35 -0400

From: "pls47@hotmail.com" <pls47@hotmail.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Paul Stein 532 LaGuardia Pl #224 NY, NY 10012

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:55:35 -0400

From: "sharfman@umich.edu" <sharfman@umich.edu>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

Whether or not to protect fish habitat, and the integrity of the oceans we depend upon? It's really not a a question. Please do everything possible to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. There is too much destruction in the world now, and not enough conservation of natural assets we depend upon.

Sincerely, William Sharfman 50 Riverside Drive New York, NY 10024

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:53:55 -0400

From: "printman3362@yahoo.com" <printman3362@yahoo.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Val Ashbridge 3372 El Serrito Drive Salt Lake City, UT 84109

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:53:45 -0400

From: "anne@annescows.com" <anne@annescows.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Our oceans are already suffering from overfishing and habitat destruction. Now, more than ever, we should be doing all in our power to protect essential fish habitat. Anything less than this is incredibly shortsighted.

Sincerely, Anne Huibregtse 42 Hillcrest In. Dogtail corners Wingdale, NY 12594

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:50:05 -0400

From: "tjdavies@juno.com" <tjdavies@juno.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, T.J. Davies 91-201 Wahane Place Kapolei, HI 96707

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:49:35 -0400

From: "schmidtwk@aol.com" <schmidtwk@aol.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, William Schmidt 18 Woodbrook Circle Wilmington, DE 19810-4119

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:48:15 -0400

From: "HatTrik333@aol.com" <HatTrik333@aol.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. We have already done so much to destruct fragile ocean ecosystems for short term benefits. We should be doing more to protect these special habitats not less! It is not just the ocean habitat's future that will be at risk if the destruction continues.

Sincerely, Melissa Turner 12 Cottontail Road Melville, NY 11747

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:47:35 -0400

From: "moore-sills@sympatico.ca" <moore-sills@sympatico.ca>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. Please learn from the past when considering the future. Thank you.

Sincerely, Jennifer Sills 524 Waldrop Road Swoope, VA 24479

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:47:25 -0400

From: "amaizeing@hers.com" <amaizeing@hers.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Sandra Miller 1801 Clydesdale Pl. NW #321 Washington, DC 20009

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:45:05 -0400

From: "ks@interpretivegardens.com" <ks@interpretivegardens.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

As a teacher of 1st throught 3rd graders, my students and I pay a lot of attention to the creation of the world and how our oceans affect the process of life on earth.

I don't believe the oceans are as amenable to correction steps as land seems to be

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Kathie stille 7777 White Fir St Reno, NV 89523

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:43:25 -0400

From: "ltcebusby@centurytel.net" < ltcebusby@centurytel.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Larry Busby 1651 Hwy 9 N Salem, AR 72576

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:40:25 -0400

From: "gmlinville@indy.rr.com" <gmlinville@indy.rr.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Gloria Linville 5933 Bunty Lane Carmel, IN 46033

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:38:45 -0400

From: "christina.billingsley@ssc.org" <christina.billingsley@ssc.org>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. Also, after much research, I have discovered that the use of factory bottom trawlers have disastrous effects to our natural marine habitats. Coral reefs are at the greatest threat, and the overfishing crisis is getting worse due to these invasive machines. Please do all in your power to support sustainable fishing practices, but most importantly, do not alter existing marine habitat regulations that ensure it protection. I will be watching how you react to this issue.

Sincerely, Christina Billingsley 3557 Marquette St. Dallas, TX 75225

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:38:05 -0400

From: "jrr5997@nebrwesleyan.edu" <jrr5997@nebrwesleyan.edu>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Jill Russell 5925 Cross Creek Road Lincoln, NE 68516

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:35:15 -0400

From: "gypsyflywench@hotmail.com" <gypsyflywench@hotmail.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, amanda sisenstein 222b lefevre hall center new paltz, NY 12561

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:30:55 -0400

From: "maritime-elinson@juno.com" <maritime-elinson@juno.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Morgan Elinson 2130 Williamsbridge Road #4f The Bronx, NY 10461

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:30:35 -0400

From: "atomic@theriver.com" <atomic@theriver.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Collette Latimer 982 E. Beechcraft Blvd Bisbee, AZ 85603

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:27:55 -0400

From: "susan@susanpatton.com" <susan@susanpatton.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. Our oceans do not sustain as much life as they used to and the destruction of habitat is hurting the fish population. Oceans provide us with many wonderful things, and we should treat them with respect so they will remain as healthy as possible.

Sincerely, Susan Patton 2015 Pine RD NW Rice, MN 56367

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:26:55 -0400

From: "brewmed59@hotmail.com" <bre> brewmed59@hotmail.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Stephen Russell 5925 Cross Creek Road Lincoln, NE 68516

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:25:15 -0400

From: "droptop67@care2.com" <droptop67@care2.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

The oceans of the world are the great unknown and with that designation comes great responsibility to preserve it. Oceans control a lot of our earth, let us not tamper with its delicate balance.

Sincerely, Jamie Trammell 4185 Hackamore Dr Reno, NV 89509

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:25:15 -0400

From: "phardin@cox-internet.com" < phardin@cox-internet.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely,

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:25:15 -0400

From: "droptop67@care2.com" <droptop67@care2.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

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The oceans of the world are the great unknown and with that designation comes great responsibility to preserve it. Oceans control a lot of our earth, let us not tamper with its delicate balance.

Sincerely, Jamie Trammell 4185 Hackamore Dr Reno, NV 89509

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:24:05 -0400

From: "nebulae7@ywave.com" <nebulae7@ywave.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Nancy Spiri 18727 Sorenson Rd. Yelm, WA 98597

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:23:55 -0400

From: "lhes@sbcglobal.net" < lhes@sbcglobal.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Linda Hes 87 Parkway Drive Olmsted Twp., OH 44138

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:22:45 -0400

From: "wolffree1@aol.com" <wolffree1@aol.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Recently the current administration under Bush's design, has undermined all preset rules and laws to protect wildlife, wilderness, forests, and the environment. The oceans have been polluted by the greed and ignorance of humans and dirty politics with their hands in the pockets of big industry, for example the oil industry. Its time to step up and say "ENOUGH", the oceans and oceanic life forms must be protected at all costs even if it means sacrificing a little greed. We as keepers of this Great Planet, must stop this destruction NOW.

Sincerely, nancy spears 15 southgate drive bossier city, LA 71112

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:22:45 -0400

From: "ecorescue@hotmail.com" <ecorescue@hotmail.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, John Kline, Jr. 1425 N. Park Ave. #3204 Tucson, AZ 85719

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:21:55 -0400

From: "harryw@starpower.net" <harryw@starpower.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

There must be a time when we realize that we should be proactive in protecting our natural resources and the earth on which we live.

Sincerely, Harrison Williams 3617 Oval Drive Alexandria, VA 22305

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:20:05 -0400

From: "bezette@burgoyne.com" <bezette@burgoyne.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Russell Bezette P.O. Box 668 LaVerkin, UT 84745

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:18:45 -0400

From: "aisaksen@hotmail.com" <aisaksen@hotmail.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

Please continue to protect our oceans and do not weaken the guidelines currently in place under the Magnuson-Stevens Act.

Sincerely, Ann Isaksen 757 Jessamine Ave W St Paul, MN 55117

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:17:35 -0400

From: "kellzconwaz@yahoo.com" <kellzconwaz@yahoo.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. The far reaching implications of these reduced guidelines will haunt us for years to come unless you protect them now.

Sincerely, Kelly Conway Shippee 606 Storrs, CT 06269

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:17:05 -0400

From: "AristaRue@cs.com" <AristaRue@cs.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Arista Hickman 1884 Alder St. #4 Eugene, OR 97401

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:16:35 -0400

From: "kirkrhoads@hotmail.com" <kirkrhoads@hotmail.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Kirk Rhoads 301 Cooper St Mountain Home, AR 72653

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:14:55 -0400

From: "spete1069@aol.com" <spete1069@aol.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Steve Peterson 4 Vista Dr. Little Rock, AR 72210

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:11:15 -0400

From: "prairiedawg1@webtv.net" <prairiedawg1@webtv.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

There is too much pressure on our habitat now. We need to protect oour environment now more than ever before.

Respectfully,

Rex Don 1804 Stevens Ave

Evansville, IN 47714

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1804 Stevens Ave

Evansville,, IN 47714

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:09:05 -0400

From: "JDEN1951@aol.com" <JDEN1951@aol.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Nancy Anglin 8702 Northgate Lane Sherwood, AR 72120

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:06:45 -0400

From: "sdbmom3@yahoo.com" <sdbmom3@yahoo.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. Our oceans, rivers, mountain & forest areas have changed & diminished so much that the people of today have less to enjoy then their parents did. Please don't take the opportunity from the children of today to enjoy what is left of our perious earth.

Sincerely, Stacy Blackwell 7011 Hadley Overland Park, KS 66204

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:05:55 -0400

From: "lettiere@Optonline.net" < lettiere@Optonline.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

With special interest groups only concerned with lining their own pockets at the expense of our environment, I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely,

John Lettiere John Lettiere 15 Grandview Ave Ardsley, NY 10502

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:05:55 -0400

From: "justjoan10@hotmail.com" <justjoan10@hotmail.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

Our oceans no longer sustain as much life as they used to. Overfishing, habitat destruction, and poor management have all led to this alarming decline in the health of our oceans.

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Joan Mitchell 31 Pepper Ridge Ct Johnson City, TN 37615

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:04:35 -0400

From: "born2dance@surfbest.net" <born2dance@surfbest.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Phyllis Cole 413 S Bayshore Blvd Safety Harbor, FL 34695

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:04:05 -0400

From: "jtaulman@yahoo.com" <jtaulman@yahoo.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Janine Taulman 150 Winona Drive Carmel, IN 46032

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:02:45 -0400

From: "DSmith1204@aol.com" <DSmith1204@aol.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, David L. Smith, MD 500 Spanish Fort Boulevard #96 Spanish Fort, AL 36527

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:02:04 -0400

From: "zibbiewolter@yahoo.com" <zibbiewolter@yahoo.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Mary Wolter 668 Shadow Mountain Drive Prescott, AZ 86301

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:01:34 -0400

From: "nhalmagyi@comcast.net" <nhalmagyi@comcast.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. I know some water is dying now like some parts of the Mediterranean. Please don't let that happen to us. I am so concerned about the Delaware River now if the nerve gas residue gets dumped in it. We were just beginning to get shad back.

Sincerely, norma hanson 203 clover dr hockessin, DE 19707

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:01:34 -0400 From: "jln@jln-md.com" <jln@jln-md.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

We simply cannot afford to forgoe future benefits of a healthy marine environment for the benefit of the relatively short-term interests of selected interest groups.

Sincerely, Joel Nitzkin 4939 Chestnut Street New Orleans, LA 70115-2941

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:01:34 -0400

From: "nhalmagyi@comcast.net" <nhalmagyi@comcast.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. I know some water is dying now like some parts of the Mediterranean. Please don't let that happen to us. I am so concerned about the Delaware River now if the nerve gas residue gets dumped in it. We were just beginning to get shad back.

Sincerely, norma hanson 203 clover dr hockessin, DE 19707

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:01:34 -0400

From: "drsok1937@aol.com" <drsok1937@aol.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. We must remember that all life sprang from the seas and without the ocean's current habitat we may find our species eventually will follow the fish species into extinction! We need to protect our oceans!!!

Sincerely, Darla Sparks 809 Royal Lane Yukon, OK 73099

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:01:34 -0400

From: "wstoney01@comsat.net" <wstoney01@comsat.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. WE MUST NOT DESTROY OUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE FOR THE THE CURRENT GAIN OF A FEW.

Sincerely, William Stoney 11151 Lake Chapel Lane Reston, VA 20191

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 22:00:54 -0400

From: "Fatta@optonline.net" <Fatta@optonline.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Louis Fatta 24 Overhill La Warwick, NY 10990

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:58:34 -0400

From: "sirenfire@mailinator.com" <sirenfire@mailinator.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Kimberly Naujock 2486 Topside Road Louisville, TN 3777

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:56:14 -0400 From: "babs@fmam.biz"
babs@fmam.biz>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to do whatever is in your power to help us protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. We need you to act for us. Will you do this please!

Sincerely,

Barbara and Lewis Lakey Minneapolis, MN Barbara Lakey 3039 38th Ave S Minneapolis, MN 55406

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:55:34 -0400

From: "colibri_sky@yahoo.com" <colibri_sky@yahoo.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Matthew Daniels 1727 E. Spring St. Tucson, AZ 85719

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:54:54 -0400

From: "keeler@ecologicleasing.com" <keeler@ecologicleasing.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Michael Keeler 726 Forest Park Road Great Falls, VA 22066

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:54:44 -0400

From: "ajhami@insightbb.com" <ajhami@insightbb.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Andy Hamilton 614 Breckenridge Lane Louisville, KY 40207

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:53:14 -0400

From: "vloomis@htva.net" <vloomis@htva.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. Our oceans are in crisis. Though the ocean seems limitless and bountiful, our oceans no longer sustain as much life as they used to. Overfishing, habitat destruction, and poor management have all led to this alarming decline in the health of our oceans.

Sincerely, Virpi Loomis 19 Upper Clark Ave Van Etten, NY 14889

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:52:34 -0400

From: "googy4@aol.com" <googy4@aol.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, marlene greenspan 3144 ivory coast las vegas, NV 89117

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:52:34 -0400

From: "debbier@nortelnetworks.com" <debbier@nortelnetworks.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. We are counting on you to stand up to those who put their own interests ahead of the public and our environment. Our oceans must be protected.

Sincerely, Debbie Rutledge 305 Tanglewood Drive Mt Juliet, TN 37122

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:51:14 -0400

From: "jonpayne221040@mail.com" <jonpayne221040@mail.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, John Payne John Payne 521 U Bedford, IN 47421

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:49:04 -0400

From: "procco@bowdoin.edu" co@bowdoin.edu>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Peter Rocco 1165 76th St Brooklyn, NY 11228

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:48:44 -0400

From: "virginia@nycap.rr.com" <virginia@nycap.rr.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

Please protect our oceans!

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Thank you in advance for your work to aid in the proper stewardship of our ocean resources.

Sincerely, Virginia Adams 12 Edgewater Way Schroon Lake, NY 12870

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:48:24 -0400

From: "jvrosecky@hotmail.com" <jvrosecky@hotmail.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Jane Daniels 419 E. Clark St. Laramie, WY 82072

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:48:14 -0400

From: "jvrosecky@hotmail.com" <jvrosecky@hotmail.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Jane Daniels 419 E. Clark St. Laramie, WY 82072

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:48:14 -0400

From: "jisunchong@yahoo.com" <jisunchong@yahoo.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Ocean habitats, which include coral, sea grasses, sandy bottoms and rocks, all provide fish with the food, shelter, spawning areas and nursing grounds that are essential to their continued survival. Without these critical habitats, fish and other ocean life are in danger. Please protect our oceans!

Sincerely, ji sun chong 1622 new jersey ave nw #2 washington, DC 20001

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:47:34 -0400

From: "rachel_meltzer@yahoo.com" <rachel_meltzer@yahoo.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Rachel Meltzer 400 Central Park West, 12K New York, NY 10025

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:46:54 -0400

From: "markjackett@hotmail.com" <markjackett@hotmail.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Mark Jackett 893 Hawkins Avenue Lake Grove, NY 11755

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:46:14 -0400

From: "cercis11@yahoo.com" <cercis11@yahoo.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Linda Johnson 2708 S Pine OKC, OK 73128

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:45:54 -0400

From: "Philoponos@aol.com" < Philoponos@aol.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

Damage to ocean habitats through over-fishing and toxins is already nearing the point of no return that will bring on the collapse of many related eco-systems and with it severe hardships for the industries not far-sighted enough to realize that weakening essential fish habitat guidelines now will spell long-term disaster. I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Anderson Weekes, Ph.D. Anderson Weekes 456 W. 22nd St., Apt. # 1-A New York, NY 10011

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:45:54 -0400

From: "olivew@tcaexpress.net" <olivew@tcaexpress.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. We need STRONGER not weaker rules to avoid overfishing and fouling the waters that fish need of life. AND SO DO WE!

Sincerely,

Olive Wilson 2880 2nd St. NE Primghar, IA 51245 Olive Wilson 280 2nd St. NE Primghar, IA 51245

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:45:24 -0400

From: "sgp139@inthehills.com" <sgp139@inthehills.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Grace Pasquarello, SSJ 56 Birch Ct. Phelps, KY 41553

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:44:34 -0400

From: "katri.shaller@lycos.com" <katri.shaller@lycos.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Katri Shaller 570 Westminster Road, F18

Brooklyn, NY 11230

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:44:34 -0400

From: "mariadeleon87@yahoo.com" <mariadeleon87@yahoo.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Maria de Leon 7 Sparrow Ave. Chestnut Ridge, NY 10977

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:42:54 -0400

From: "roseym311@msn.com" <roseym311@msn.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, rosemary mills 23 bridge street monroe, NY 10950

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:42:04 -0400

From: "birdys@earthlink.net" <birdys@earthlink.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Christine Crowder PO Box 75 Ninole, HI 96773

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:39:14 -0400

From: "lhd2@columbia.edu" <lhd2@columbia.edu>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Lois Darlington 200 Cabrini Blvd. #57 New York, NY 10033

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:38:54 -0400

From: "thomas.f.basile@verizon.net" <thomas.f.basile@verizon.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Our ecosystems sustain the life that sustains us. If we do not protect our ecosystem, we condemn the future and provide no inheritance to our offspring.

Do not weaken what are already considered to be compromising positions when they initially adopted. Protect mother Earth so she can continue to provide for us.

Sincerely, Thomas Basile 5400 Virginia Ave., SE Charleston, WV 25304

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:38:54 -0400

From: "saida_Cora@hotmail.com" <saida_Cora@hotmail.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, saida bonifield 1322 massachusetts lawrence, KS 66044

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:38:24 -0400

From: "jonesquelle@msn.com" <jonesquelle@msn.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely,

Eugene Jones Eugene J 9 Salt Lake City, UT 84105

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:38:24 -0400 From: "bazikr@att.net"

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From: "bazikr@att.net"

Bazikr@att.net"

Bazikr@att.net

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Barry Lerner 5529 N. Fairfax Dr. Arlington, VA 22205

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:37:54 -0400

From: "edvjr63@aol.com" <edvjr63@aol.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Ed Vieira 63 Russek Drive Staten Island, NY 10312

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:37:04 -0400

From: "nomis10@aol.com" <nomis10@aol.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely,

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:36:44 -0400

From: "jslater@worldskyline.com" <jslater@worldskyline.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

In the interest of our own generations and future generations, please do your utmost to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Joan Slater Joan Slater 15153 Belle Isle Rd. King George, VA 22485

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:35:54 -0400

From: "SHOCHATS@AOL.COM" <SHOCHATS@AOL.COM>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, PHOEBE SHOCHAT 103 THE HELM EAST ISLIP, NY 11730

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:35:24 -0400

From: "mfeinb@aol.com" <mfeinb@aol.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I am haunted by an image of a future where the oceans are dead and lifeless. I imagine trying to explain to my children what they were like before our inability to plan and our greed got the better of us. I have read in the newspapers that the oceans are dying, that they support far less life than they did at the turn of the century. This breaks my heart. I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. Please don't be short-sighted, unless you would like to have that painful conversation with my children.

Sincerely,

Melissa Feinberg Melissa Feinberg 1204 Stonnell Place Alexandria, VA 22302

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:35:04 -0400

From: "reclapp@webtv.net" < reclapp@webtv.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely,

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:34:03 -0400

From: "SHOCHATS@AOL.COM" <SHOCHATS@AOL.COM>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, PHOEBE SHOCHAT 103 THE HELM EAST ISLIP, NY 11730

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:33:53 -0400

From: "ladytzing@aol.com" <ladytzing@aol.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

Our oceans are in crisis. Though the ocean seems limitless and bountiful, our oceans no longer sustain as much life as they used to. Overfishing, habitat destruction, and poor management have all led to this alarming decline in the health of our oceans.

Incredibly, special interests are working to convince the Bush administration to weaken existing ocean protections. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is currently asking the public to comment on how to revise the guidelines that protect essential fish habitat.

Ocean habitats, which include coral, sea grasses, sandy bottoms and rocks, all provide fish with the food, shelter, spawning areas and nursing grounds that are essential to their continued survival. The various habitats that are essential to fish survival are collectively called essential fish habitat.

Currently, under the Magnuson-Stevens Act, essential fish habitat is protected under federal law. However, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), the agency in charge of federal fisheries, is currently considering making changes to the existing protections.

The National Marine Fisheries Service has requested that the public comment on potential revisions to the essential fish habitat guidelines. This is the second time that the National Marine Fisheries Service has requested comments in several months. Last time, only about 50 groups commented, so your voice will have a real impact.

In summation, I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, mana hideki 17 garnet rd ny, NY 11485

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:33:53 -0400

From: "frdboesl@bluefrog.com" < frdboesl@bluefrog.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Fred Boesl 8588 Hunt Ave Eden, NY 14057

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:33:13 -0400

From: "dilewis@peoplepc.com" <dilewis@peoplepc.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, DIANE Lewis 1927 E HAMPTON AVE UNIT 162 Mesa, AZ 85204

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:32:53 -0400

From: "Baxter@hrfn.net" <Baxter@hrfn.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Ralph McCulloch 240 Bridgewater Dr Newport News, VA 23603

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:29:03 -0400

From: "HargroveFire368@aol.com" < HargroveFire368@aol.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Christopher Hill Hargrove 3534 South Haven Road Knoxville, TN 37920

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:28:33 -0400

From: "lunastar@hellokitty.com" <lunastar@hellokitty.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely,

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:27:53 -0400

From: "ani4aniisblind@hotmail.com" <ani4aniisblind@hotmail.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

As the years go on, we all become more aware of the effects we have on the environment. 2004 is not like the early whaling days of yore, when we couldn't see or understand the impact we were making on the ocean. Luckily, we now know what a delicate ecosystem the ocean is, and we can treat it as such. Conservation should be moving forward, not backwards.

Progress is what I ask for. Advances. Technology is progressing everyday, and there is so much to be learned from the ocean. Only about 5 percent has even been studied and documented. Who knows what miracles exist at the depths, the other 95 percent?

Please protect the ocean. Look out for my interests, the worlds interests, not special interests.

Sincerely, Danielle Fuzzard Danielle Fuzzard PO Box 156 Skagway, AK 99840

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:27:43 -0400

From: "dumoulin@verizon.net" <dumoulin@verizon.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Jacques du Moulin Po Box 339 Altamont, NY 12009

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:26:43 -0400

From: "scc1272@aol.com" <scc1272@aol.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Shantih Calabro 19 Milrose In Monsey, NY 10952

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:25:53 -0400

From: "botdwd@hotmail.com" <botdwd@hotmail.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Douglas Dickerman 215 Lafayette Ave. Apt 1A Brooklyn, NY 11238

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:25:53 -0400

From: "carolyn.stark@unisys.com" <carolyn.stark@unisys.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Carolyn Stark 4020 Garfield Ave S Minneapolis, MN 55409

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:25:43 -0400

From: "builderbon@yahoo.com" <builderbon@yahoo.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Actually, when the eco-systems of the oceans collapse, then we're all pretty much done for.

Hopefully, this matters to you.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Pilcher, afspa

500 W. Van Buren Ave.

Las Vegas, NV 89106

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:25:23 -0400

From: "trebares@juno.com" <trebares@juno.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, eric bare 1010 Powderhouse Rd. vestal, NY 13850

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:24:33 -0400

From: "milatran@hotmail.com" <milatran@hotmail.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

Our world is already polluted and it's only increasing. We need to protect and preserve our environment so that we can all enjoy it's beauty for years to come. I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Mila Tran Mila Tran

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Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:19:23 -0400

From: "mbaetzhold@apa.org" <mbaetzhold@apa.org>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. If anything, such guidelines should be strengthened so as to protect these fragile habitats that are already undergoing rapid and perilous changes.

Sincerely, Mike Baetzhold 545 N Pollard St apt 49 Arlington, VA 22203

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:19:13 -0400

From: "pafboyd@twcny.rr.com" <pafboyd@twcny.rr.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. I have seen more damage done to this world in the last three years then in the previouse 70 years of my life. Please do what you can to leave a place of beauty and the means for a healthy life for my grandchildren and yours.

Sincerely, Peggy Boyd 18 Wilkinson Pl Baldwinsville, NY 13027

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:18:53 -0400

From: "evakuras@hotmail.com" <evakuras@hotmail.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Eva Kuras 3 2nd St. Apt. 1 Brooklyn, NY 11231

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:18:13 -0400

From: "jhfatta@optonline.net" <jhfatta@optonline.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. I really want my children and grandchildren to enjoy all the kinds of fish that I have enjoyed. Respect our oceans, water is life.

Sincerely, Janet Howard-Fatta 24 Overhill Lane Warwick, NY 10990

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:18:03 -0400

From: "dieauslander@yahoo.com" <dieauslander@yahoo.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, James Guenther 2387 Bourne Avenue St. Paul, MN 55108

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:17:43 -0400

From: "clancy@greatlakes.net" <clancy@greatlakes.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Richard Breidenich 7489 Lakewood Rd Lexington, MI 48450

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:17:43 -0400

From: "jeeba1@aol.com" <jeeba1@aol.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Jennifer Gooden 304 South 6th St. Kingfisher, OK 73750

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:12:23 -0400

From: "bobh361@webtv.net" <bobh361@webtv.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Robert Holland 3666 Southview Av. Wantagh, NY 11793

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:11:03 -0400

From: "John.DePompeo@utah.edu" <John.DePompeo@utah.edu>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. As you know, the last 50 years have seen widespread decimation of fish stocks, extinction of marine species, vast destruction of wetlands and coral reefs, and in general extreme pollution of the oceans through agricultural runoff and leakage of oil from supertankers. It is absolutely necessary to preserve our oceans for the ecosystemic health of the biosphere of the earth, and to guarentee our posterity the richness of aquatic life and all the benefits it confers. Many thanks for your time and patience.

Sincerely, John DePompeo 81 N S Street Salt Lake City, UT 84103

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:08:43 -0400

From: "CKBisk@BigFoot.Com" <CKBisk@BigFoot.Com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Chad Bisk 11918 Sentinel Point Court Reston, VA 20191-4832

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:07:13 -0400

From: "mina@theclones.net" < mina@theclones.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Mina Jones 597 Carroll Street Brooklyn, NY 11215

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:06:53 -0400

From: "syberani@covad.net" <syberani@covad.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Annie Stauber 208 West 30th Street New York, NY 10001

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:06:43 -0400

From: "andreamail@aol.com" <andreamail@aol.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, A. Wolper 123 B. Pl. brooklyn, NY 11201

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:06:03 -0400

From: "mardanmc@capital.net" <mardanmc@capital.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Worldwide, overfishing and serious environmental degradation have impacted negatively on oceanic resources. Most fisheries of the world, once thought inexhaustible, are in deep trouble.

Sincerely,

Daniel McKinley, Assoc. Prof. Emeritus, Biology Department, State University of New York at Albany Daniel McKinley 10 Knowles Terrace Albany, NY 12203

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:06:03 -0400

From: "jcharno@tweny.rr.com" < jcharno@tweny.rr.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, John Charno 6098 Commane Road LaFayette, NY 13084

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:05:53 -0400

From: "seboles@gcinet.net" <seboles@gcinet.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Suzanne Boles 1413 Orchard Ln Grove, OK 74344

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:05:33 -0400

From: "duckdiva@yahoo.com" <duckdiva@yahoo.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. We cannot test the limits of destruction simply because corporations show no responsibility in the health of this planet.

Sincerely, David Duckworth 48-32 48th Street #1F Woodside, NY 11377

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:05:33 -0400

From: "doafy@hotmail.com" <doafy@hotmail.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Dorothy Morris 1402 Josephine St New Orleans, LA 70130

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:05:33 -0400

From: "boot52@tweny.rr.com" <boot52@tweny.rr.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Denise Charno 6098 Commane Road LaFayette, NY 13084

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:05:23 -0400

From: "Nikkik121969@msn.com" <Nikkik121969@msn.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, C. Nichole Katz 4649 S. Rufino Lane Gold Canyon, AZ 85218

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:05:13 -0400

From: "cellardoor74@yahoo.com" <cellardoor74@yahoo.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Elizabeth Wolfe 765 Engleville Rd Sharon Springs, NY 13459

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:04:53 -0400

From: "mlauron@earthlink.net" <mlauron@earthlink.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

Please protect our oceans. Don't weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely,

Maria Lauron & Family Maria Lauron 302 S. Barton Street Arlington, VA 22204

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:03:03 -0400

From: "balkenho@voltage.net" <balkenho@voltage.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. I am particularly concerned about overfishing, habitat destruction, declining coral reefs, and trash dumping in our oceans.

Sincerely, Sherry Balkenhol 404 Polk 194 Mena, AR 71953

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:01:52 -0400

From: "maryhughes@marysorrowshughes.com"

<maryhughes@marysorrowshughes.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

The creator gave us this wonderful world full of variety, and it is our responsibility to take care of it.

Sincerely, Dr. & Mrs. Frank B. Hughes 530 Atkins Shreveport, LA 71104

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:01:32 -0400

From: "tonghee@myexcel.com" <tonghee@myexcel.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Norma Ninfadore 589 Old Highway 30 Esperance, NY 12066

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:00:22 -0400

From: "djconway@prodigy.net" <djconway@prodigy.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Doris Jane Conway 7336 Brackenwood Circle South Indianapolis, IN 46260-5438

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:00:22 -0400

From: "kylthrfaerie@insightbb.com" <kylthrfaerie@insightbb.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely,

Rev Jim Oxyer Jim Oxyer 1210 S Brook St #1 Louisville, KY 40203

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 21:00:12 -0400

From: "nsullivan@fuse.net" <nsullivan@fuse.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

Although I live in a landlocked state, I am a member of several organizations which focus on the health of the world's oceans. I have also seen firsthand the effects of drift nets, overfishing, trash thrown onto the reefs, etc., in places around the world, from Ecuador to Australia to the Mediterranean.

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. What we are seeing off the Florida Keys and parts of California demonstrate how essential these fish nurseries are to specific fish stocks and also the overall ecological health of the oceans.

Sincerely, Nancy SUllivan 41 Bluegrass Ave Ft Thomas, KY 41075

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:59:42 -0400

From: "jamesviney@comcast.net" < jamesviney@comcast.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. The fish we eat are some of our healthiest food sources. we need to strive to prevent degradation of the ocean environment and overfishing that will deplete this valuabel resource.

Sincerely, James Viney MD MPH 900 donner Way # 201 Salt Lake City, UT 84108

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:58:32 -0400

From: "0610@optonline.net" < 0610@optonline.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. Our waters are already very polluted and weakening guidelines would only further deteriorate our waters.

Sincerely,

Lauren Von Ende 25 Seaside Avenue Hampton Bays, NY 11946

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:57:02 -0400

From: "cem46@cornell.edu" <cem46@cornell.edu>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Charles Mitchell 204 First St. Ithaca, NY 14850

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:56:02 -0400

From: "maya87m.h@r8.dion.ne.jp" <maya87m.h@r8.dion.ne.jp>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

During these times, when there is so much destruction going on everywhere on this fragile Earth, development for mere profit ceases to have any value. What is money when there's no Earth to stand on? (Literally and figurtively.)

So please. Don't let cheap rationales convince you that yet another environmental sacrifice is necessary. You don't have to do anything. Just leave the ocean alone. Just say "NO" to more destruction. That alone would suffice.

You know, deep in your heart, that is the right choice?

Sincerely,

Maya Moore Maya Moore

Tokyo, Japan,

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:54:42 -0400

From: "fitzduo@cox.net" < fitzduo@cox.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. If you do not act now, the beautiful oceans and the life forces in them will be nothing but a memory. Please help make a change!

Sincerely, Suzi Fitzgerald 7341 Maiden Run Ave. Las Vegas, NV 89130

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:53:01 -0400

From: "jellyevans@hotmail.com" <jellyevans@hotmail.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. Thank you.

Sincerely, Jennifer Evans 014 Sypherd Hall Newark, DE 19717

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:52:31 -0400

From: "lou63b@computer.net" <lou63b@computer.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Louise Leeds 63 Briarcliff Dr Ossuning, NY 10562

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:51:41 -0400

From: "koshiolt@stolaf.edu" <koshiolt@stolaf.edu>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Ted Koshiol 1500 St Olaf Ave Northfield, MN 55057

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:51:31 -0400

From: "keith@dbmsinc.com" <keith@dbmsinc.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

I really don't understand why greed and selfish behavior continue to win out over forward thinking proper resource management.

Obviously comercial fisherman are too short sighted to care about future generations, which is why it is up to you to care for the rest of us by properly excersisng your authority.

I am not a tree hugging nut case, just a registered voting republican with enough sense to know that we can't consume all of our resources now while disregarding long term managment to have those resources in the future.

In fact, we should be taking steps to INCREASE the protection and sensible use of those resources since our population continues to grow, rather than pandering to special interest groups who only care about profit today for themselves and the rest of us be damned.

Sincerely, Keith Grill 7344 South Lakeshore Dr. Shreveport, LA 71119

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:51:31 -0400

From: "dans@paradigmcom.com" <dans@paradigmcom.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Dan Sperling 6140 Tompkins Drive McLean, VA 22101

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:51:01 -0400

From: "c_wistar@hotmail.com" <c_wistar@hotmail.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

The fate of our oceans is too important to ignore - what we ignore, we endanger, and in so doing we also endanger ourselves.

Sincerely, Caleb Wistar 93 Winne Road Delmar, NY 12054

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:50:01 -0400

From: "TerryPercival@email.com" <TerryPercival@email.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Terry Percival 2745 SW Villa West Dr Topeka, KS 66614

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:49:01 -0400

From: "patrick@datacorps.com" <patrick@datacorps.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Protect the greatest resource this planet has- the ocean. Protect the fishing industry itself! This is the only reason government oversight even exists.

I thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Patrick Moctezuma 2873 S. Buchanan Street, 2B Arlington, VA 22206

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:48:51 -0400

From: "Dale@Newfield.org" <Dale@Newfield.org>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Dale Newfield 1341 Vermont Ave., NW Washington, DC 20005-3606

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:48:21 -0400

From: "damon@strategicgraphics.com" <damon@strategicgraphics.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Cynthia Kocina 1220 Northwood Drive Delano, MN 55328-9248

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:47:51 -0400

From: "damonkocina@citlink.net" <damonkocina@citlink.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Damon Kocina 1220 Northwood Drive Delano, MN 55328-9248

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:47:41 -0400

From: "janet.campbell@verizon.net" < janet.campbell@verizon.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. If anything, our guidelines need to be more rather than less extensive.

Sincerely, Janet Campbell 108 Bristol Road Apt 5 Somerville, MA 02144

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:47:01 -0400

From: "jch2x@mtsu.edu" <jch2x@mtsu.edu>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Jacob Holt 1301 East Main Street Box A013 Murfreesboro, TN 37132

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:47:01 -0400

From: "leli0001@umn.edu" <leli0001@umn.edu>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Many of the current international guidelines and agreements need to be strengthened and made more comprehensive in the direction of added protection for oceanic life and sustainable management of oceanic resources.

Sincerely, Arnold Lelis 2220 Grand Ave S. #2 Minneapolis, MN 55405

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:46:41 -0400

From: "musicchoices@sigecom.net" <musicchoices@sigecom.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Marcia Rocca 7899 Owens Dr Newburgh, IN 47630

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:46:01 -0400

From: "bob532@aol.com" <bbb532@aol.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Robert Lombardi 1465 East 64 Street Brooklyn, NY 11234

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:44:21 -0400

From: "halzbar@aol.com" <halzbar@aol.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Barbara Zaroff 1073 Cedar Crest Drive Minden, NV 89423

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:44:11 -0400

From: "a_valenty@hotmail.com" <a_valenty@hotmail.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, ALLENE VALENTY 420 BRONXVILLE ROAD BRONXVILLE, NY 10708

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:44:11 -0400

From: "mmschehl@aol.com" <mmschehl@aol.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Margaret Schehl 318 West 106th Street, 4FE New York, NY 10025

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:41:21 -0400

From: "jacqfo@nycap.rr.com" <jacqfo@nycap.rr.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, jacqueline foster 894 morgan av niskayuna, NY 12309

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:41:11 -0400

From: "bohnhoff@stolaf.edu" <bohnhoff@stolaf.edu>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Mari Bohnhoff 1500 St. Olaf Ave Northfield, MN 55057

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:41:01 -0400

From: "palmermethod@aol.com" <palmermethod@aol.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Kathryn A. Stone 26 Birch Tree Lane Charleston, WV 25314

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:40:31 -0400

From: "jomlette@yahoo.com" <jomlette@yahoo.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Omlor Jeanne omlor 175 9th Avenue new York, NY 10011

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:39:10 -0400

From: "spencerjl@juno.com" <spencerjl@juno.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, spencer lafrenz 33-15 28th st apt 3G LIC, NY 11106

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:37:30 -0400

From: "atenterprises@commspeed.net" <atenterprises@commspeed.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Marty Landa 400 Loy Lane Sedona, AZ 86336-9187

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:37:30 -0400

From: "mark@consumerwatchdog.org" <mark@consumerwatchdog.org>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

The Earth's oceans are the lifeblood of the planetary ecosystem that all living beings share.

Please stand for protecting our oceans and do not weaken existing guidelines.

Sincerely, Mark Reback 2915 St. George St. #3 Los Angeles, CA 90027

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:36:40 -0400

From: "ebd3@dana.ucc.nau.edu" <ebd3@dana.ucc.nau.edu>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Erika Diebold NAU Box 20325 Flagstaff, AZ 86011

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:35:30 -0400

From: "tqs1757@i4.nyu.edu" <tqs1757@i4.nyu.edu>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. Fish habitats are essential in the ocean food chain (and ours). They need and require protection.

Sincerely, Trina Semorile 445 West 46 Street, #1E New York, NY 10036

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:35:10 -0400

From: "missmo04@yahoo.com" <missmo04@yahoo.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, monique dezarn 5107 gardner drive alexandria, VA 22304

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:34:50 -0400

From: "deanks@juno.com" <deanks@juno.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. I understsand that currently, under the Magnuson-Stevens Act, essential fish habitat is protected under federal law.

I also understand that the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), is currently considering making changes to the existing protections.

Since I believe that essential fish habitat is critical to the survial and protection of the world's living oceans, the only change to the the guidelines that I could imagine as possible would be to strengthen them.

Please do not weaken them in any way. the world's economy depends on having healthy oceans with sustainable fish and marine life.

Sincerely, Sue E. Dean 33945 N. 66th Way Scottsdale, AZ 85262

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:33:50 -0400

From: "vanstern@theriver.com" <vanstern@theriver.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Our oceans are so fragile. They must be protected. The existing protections must be strengthend and enforced. Please, for all future generations as well as today's human population, don't permit existing protections to be weakened.

Sincerely, Eva V. & Joseph Stern 54 Avenida Pastor Rio Rico, AZ 85648

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:33:50 -0400

From: "deanks@juno.com" <deanks@juno.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. I understsand that currently, under the Magnuson-Stevens Act, essential fish habitat is protected under federal law.

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Sincerely, Sue E. Dean 33945 N. 66th Way Scottsdale, AZ 85262

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:33:10 -0400

From: "candle lit@yahoo.com" <candle lit@yahoo.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

I do feel this is very important so please lend your support.

Sincerely, Maria Limani P O BOX 90373 Anchorage, AK 99509

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:32:40 -0400

From: "lee@leerubenstein.com" <lee@leerubenstein.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Lee Rubenstein New York Lee Rubenstein 4048 US Hwy 209 Stone Ridge, NY 12484

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:32:10 -0400

From: "stoneland@theriver.com" <stoneland@theriver.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Linda Joy Stone 850 E. Placita Leslie Tucson, AZ 85718

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:31:40 -0400

From: "pollyseale@qwest.net" <pollyseale@qwest.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Polly Seale 1861 East Gracey Lane Sandy, UT 84092

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:30:40 -0400

From: "Captainjack8@juno.com" <Captainjack8@juno.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. I have sailed the gulf, fished and SCUBA dived extensively and in the last few decades have personally seen the decline in the gulf.

The Keys that I originally explored 20 years ago, was filled with live coral is now almost barren of live coral. Sailing out of Pensacola we at one time found a pollution/ clear water demarcation line approximately 25 miles off shore. Each year it got worse and last year when returning from the Keys it was 125 miles from the Pensacola shore.

Ships of foreign registry, some "American" owned, pick up toxic waste from New Orleans and Mobile and then dump it 40-50 miles off shore, which I have personally seen.

We are killing our oceans, please help stop it!!!

Sincerely, Dr. John R. Pierce

John Pierce 11475 Lake Dr MC CALLA, AL 35111

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:28:30 -0400 From: "jkdion@att.net" <jkdion@att.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, John Dionne 6800 Strand Ave. # 452 Yuma, AZ 85364-9727

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:27:40 -0400

From: "drpepper1952@yahoo.com" <drpepper1952@yahoo.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, David Roth 1303 S. Walter Reed Drive, #201 Arlington, VA 22204

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:26:30 -0400 From: "pknuth@cox.net" pknuth@cox.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely,

Philip Knuth Philip Knuth 16121 E Glenpoint Dr Fountain Hills, AZ 85268

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:26:20 -0400

From: "reddaddy01@bellsouth.net" < reddaddy01@bellsouth.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Gregory A Reece 2821 South 5th Street Louisville, KY 40208

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:26:00 -0400

From: "EILEENinAZ@cox.net" <EILEENinAZ@cox.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Eileen Grant 5526 N. 10th St. Phoenix, AZ 85014

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:26:00 -0400

From: "tomad 51@eudoramail.com" <tomad 51@eudoramail.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. Many species of aquatic life are at the point of extinction due to over fishing.

Technology already exists that could be sued to safeguard the oceans from over fishing. Although we have explored only about 5% of the ocean, we have been given the ocean as a gift from our creator God. We must be good stewards of these natural resources.

I trust that you will take the steps necessary to protect our oceans.

Sincerely, Thomas J. rowan 766 Brady Avenue Apt. 635 Bronx, 10462

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:25:50 -0400

From: "rlorentzen@albertson.edu" <rlorentzen@albertson.edu>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Robin Lorentzen 14250 Chicken Dinner Road Caldwell, ID 83607

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:24:40 -0400

From: "peteishy@cox-internet.com" <peteishy@cox-internet.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Peter Czichomski 230 St. Esprit Road Carencro, LA 70520

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:24:30 -0400

From: "peteishy@cox-internet.com" <peteishy@cox-internet.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Ingrid Czichomski 230 St. Esprit Road Carencro, LA 70520

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:24:10 -0400

From: "spotts@infowest.com" <spotts@infowest.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Director Schmitten:

Please work to effectively protect our oceans and marine resources, and do not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

The status quo approach is not working, as overfishing, bycatch, and other harmful problems generally appear to be growing worse. Your courageous leadership is needed to help turn the current trends around, so that the health, diversity, and productivity of marine ecosystems can be sustained.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely, Richard Spotts 1125 W. Emerald Drive St. George, UT 84770

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:23:20 -0400

From: "askarda@hotmail.com" <askarda@hotmail.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Angi Skarda 1396 Asbury Street Saint Paul, MN 55108

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:23:10 -0400

From: "clint77w40@netscape.net" <clint77w40@netscape.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Clint Hughes 2112 N.19th St Boise, ID 83702

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:23:10 -0400

From: "Marianb3@frontiernet.net" < Marianb3@frontiernet.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Our oceans are a priceless resource. As our population continues to grow, we will need to ensure that our fish population is not decimated by unwise use.

Sincerely, Marian Buckner 104 Wildflower Lane Shepherdstown, WV 25443

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:23:10 -0400

From: "aish160@earthlink.net" <aish160@earthlink.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Humans, as a species, have done more damage to this planet in our brief lifetime than anything else known.

It it time that we started acting as responsible stewards of our environment, including the oceans, helping them to survive and prosper for the good of all.

Sincerely, Valerie Cranmer 2104 Porter Crossroad Lugoff, SC 29078

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:22:40 -0400

From: "jm868@columbia.edu" <jm868@columbia.edu>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Jay Mueller 116 Pinehurst Ave., Apt. F-1 nEW yORK, NY 10033

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:22:40 -0400

From: "rmr118@adelphia.net" <rmr118@adelphia.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Ruth Roetzer 118 Byron AVe Buffalo, NY 14223

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:21:50 -0400

From: "larlin@xtratyme.com" <larlin@xtratyme.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. The protection and wise use of our natural resources is important to our quality of life.

Sincerely,

Larry & Linda Melinsky 30500 745th ave South Haven, MN 55382

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:21:40 -0400

From: "maryjane_c@yahoo.com" <maryjane_c@yahoo.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, MaryJane Cochrane 2327 Riviera Dr Vienna, VA 22181

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:21:40 -0400

From: "cthaysen@aaahawk.com" <cthaysen@aaahawk.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, candis hamilton 844 whalen Penfield, NY 1

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:21:10 -0400

From: "makofske@warwick.net" <makofske@warwick.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

Many studies are indicating that the oceans and their inhabitants are in trouble. Overfishing, pollution and rising oceans are taking a toll on marine life and their habitats. I therefore urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, William Makofske 76 Drew Road Warwick, NY 10990

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:20:20 -0400

From: "kathleen warner6@eku.edu" <kathleen warner6@eku.edu>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Kathleen Warner Burnam Hall Box 51, EKU Campus Richmond, KY 40475

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:19:50 -0400

From: "bellew101@msn.com" <bellew101@msn.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Mark Russell 31 S. Eckar St. Apt.2N Irvington, NY 10533

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:19:30 -0400

From: "briki@charter.net" <bri> sriki@charter.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, brenda weathers 3428 Brayton Long Beach, CA 90807

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:19:10 -0400

From: "maddog1960@yahoo.com" <maddog1960@yahoo.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Debi Hamlin 956 E. 2000 Rd. Eudora, KS 66025

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:17:40 -0400

From: "rodb@coldreams.com" <rodb@coldreams.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

Protecting out oceans is absolutely critical to the overall health of not only our essential fisheries, but also to the nearly limitless differing Oceanic ecosystems. Fisheries are declining world wide. Since I have a college degree majoring in biology my reading tends to be oriented toward these topics. It takes hundreds of years for nature to rebuild reefs and many habitats may never recover because of their complexity.

Healthy oceans equate to healthy air as well. Let's not tamper with critical habitat. I believe our survival and the overall health of the planet depends on healthy fishery habitat.

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Roderick A. Barcklay HCR 61, Box 131 Bonners Ferry, Id 83805 Roderick Barcklay HCR 61, Box 131 Bonners Ferry, ID 83805

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:11:55 -0400 From: "reisjs@jmu.edu" <reisjs@jmu.edu>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Julia Reis 711 Copley Lane Silver Spring, MD 20904

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:11:15 -0400

From: "rnmorgan@juno.com" <rnmorgan@juno.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Roger N/Morgan San Diego CA, home to commercial fishing, and scientific institutions. Roger MORGAN 1231 Robinson Ave #4 San Diego, CA 92103

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:11:05 -0400

From: "clonejack@yahoo.com" <clonejack@yahoo.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. As the newly released report shows, our oceans and coasts are in need of a great deal of nurturing and help, not more pollutants.

Sincerely, Francis X Wiget II 1041 N 159th Dr Goodyear, AZ 85338

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:10:35 -0400

From: "macqueed@upstate.edu" <macqueed@upstate.edu>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

For example, page 11, line 11 requires an official review of a fishery every five years, but a fishery could be decimated in one season. Official reviews should occur after every catch season.

Doug MacQueen Doug MacQueen 116 Comstock Syracuse, NY 13210

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:09:55 -0400

From: "kpd@email.arizona.edu" <kpd@email.arizona.edu>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. In particular, I think it is important to create fishing reserves, regions of the ocean where fishing is prohibited where schools of fish, shellfish, etc. can find a refuge and increase in numbers. This will help prevent overfishing and the extinction of important seafood species.

Sincerely, Kevin Drees 2727 E Lee St Tucson, AZ 85716

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:08:44 -0400

From: "h2ocolor1@cox.net" <h2ocolor1@cox.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Our oceans and fish need your help. We and our grand children need to know that someone is trying to do everything possible to insure the fish we consume is safe.

Sincerely,

Shirley Felton 7255 E. Starla Drive Scottsdale, AZ 85255

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:08:34 -0400

From: "wolf000@aol.com" <wolf000@aol.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Amanda Atkins 243 Water Bridge Ct. Henderson, NV 89012

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:08:24 -0400

From: "czaslav@msn.com" <czaslav@msn.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Claudia Zaslavsky 45 Fairview Avenue, #13-I New York,, NY 10040-2742

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:06:42 -0400

From: "greenglassart@hotmail.com" < greenglassart@hotmail.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Mike Green 347 Pierpont Ave. S.L.C., UT 84101

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:04:31 -0400

From: "Bryan@porcupinepub.com" <Bryan@porcupinepub.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. I work in the food service industry and have seen the decline in quality ocean products over the last decade. I believe that it is more important to over protect than to continue to make mistakes with the little good habitat left. I also believe that the long term economic health of our great nation will be better served with tighter regulations protecting vital sources of healthy food.

Sincerely,

Bryan O'Meara Bryan O'Meara 9460 east Big cottonwood canyon Brighton, UT 84121

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:04:01 -0400

From: "cebasualdo@netscape.net" <cebasualdo@netscape.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Carlos Basualdo 61 Frederick Dr. Apalachin, NY 13732

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:02:01 -0400

From: "rsnedike@optonline.net" <rsnedike@optonline.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. I myself a former professional clammer and now recreational fisherman from freeport long island cantell you first hand that entire species of fish here in N.Y. are decimated, winter cod and scallops for example. Our marine habitats are in desperate need of relief from the pressures man has put upon them. Thank you

Sincerely, Raymond T. Snediker ray snediker 309n.long beach ave. freeport, NY 11520

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 20:01:31 -0400

From: "fred-cheryl@msn.com" < fred-cheryl@msn.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. Overfishing and pollution are causing serious problems.

Sincerely, Fred Lavy 524 East Wolfe St. Harrisonburg, VA 22802-4822

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:59:41 -0400

From: "matt@sharpanalytics.com" <matt@sharpanalytics.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

I have witnessed first hand the pollution and filth effecting the waters near Europe and hope that we will not soon be in a similar situation.

Sincerely,

Matt Larson Matt Larson 2618 E Heritage SLC, UT 84109

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:59:41 -0400

From: "scs38@cornell.edu" <scs38@cornell.edu>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Satya Stainton 347 Risley Residential College Cornell University Ithaca, NY 14853

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:57:11 -0400

From: "coach1@rochester.rr.com" < coach1@rochester.rr.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Richard Beal 1819 Kenyon Rd. Ontario, NY 14519

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:57:11 -0400

From: "drury66@aol.com" <drury66@aol.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Richard Leonard 245 East 63rd St., 25C New York, NY 10021

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:56:00 -0400

From: "cybeerman@hotmail.com" <cybeerman@hotmail.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Richard Walczyk 32179 Knapp Rochester Hills, MI 48093

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:55:00 -0400

From: "ekol@optonline.net" <ekol@optonline.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely,

Ellen Kolodney 100 Pinewood Road Hartsdale, NY 10530

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:55:00 -0400

From: "pedersen8@aol.com" <pedersen8@aol.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, John Pedersen 1725 E. Lewis Lane Nampa, ID 83686

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:54:40 -0400

From: "fcone@mindspring.com" < fcone@mindspring.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

Our oceans no longer sustain as much life as they used to. Overfishing, habitat destruction and poor management have all led to this alarming decline in the health of our oceans.

Incredibly, special interests are working to convince the Bush administration to weaken existing ocean protections. Instead of weakening these protections, we should be strengthening them to allow overfished stocks to rebound and to allow the ocean habitat to be restored.

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

I appreciate your sincere consideration of my concerns and comments on this most important matter. I expect to learn that you have not bowed to special interests and have NOT weakened any protections for our oceans.

Sincerely, Frances Cone 183 Bobcat Drive Pawleys Island, SC 29585

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:54:19 -0400 From: "sd@hhtc.us" <sd@hhtc.us>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. They need to be strengthened or we run the risk of losing some food species completely.

Sincerely, Stephen J. Dolan Stephen Dolan 111 Landau Ave. Floral Park, NY 11001

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:54:09 -0400 From: "sd@hhtc.us" <sd@hhtc.us>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. They need to be strengthened or we run the risk of losing some food species completely.

Sincerely, Stephen J. Dolan Stephen Dolan 111 Landau Ave. Floral Park, NC 11001

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:52:39 -0400

From: "noelle@njoyefitness.com" <noelle@njoyefitness.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Noelle Joye Noelle Joye 136 Wynnsum Trail Lexington, SC 29073

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:52:29 -0400

From: "dakmont@bigsky.net" <dakmont@bigsky.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Alfred Papillon 1122 1st Ave West kalispell, MT 59901

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:50:28 -0400

From: "miweintraub@vassar.edu" <miweintraub@vassar.edu>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Michael Weintraub 215 West 90th St, Apt 6E New York, NY 10024

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:50:08 -0400

From: "annaeswanson@homail.com" <annaeswanson@homail.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Anna Swanson 939 1/2 south 1st Street West Missoula, MT 59801

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:49:48 -0400

From: "HFandRE@aol.com" <HFandRE@aol.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten, (04/20/'04)

Overpopulation, and the resulting need for additional food sources, has been a factor in the destruction of habitat for several fish species. However, it is important that a famine be avoided by maintaining current guidelines for protecting fish habitat.

Please use your influence to keep or strengthen those ocean-protecting guidelines.

Sincerely, H. F. Jaeckel 3403 Kimbrough Ave. Tupelo, MS 38801

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:48:27 -0400

From: "anthoscon@hotmail.com" <anthoscon@hotmail.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Anthony Conrad 134 Congress Buffalo, NY 14213

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:48:27 -0400

From: "syracuselabor@yahoo.com" <syracuselabor@yahoo.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

On behalf of our grandkids and children, I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

The oceans are our "commons"--and everyone of us have to preserve and protest its largesse.

Sincerely, Austin Paulnack 119 Strong Ave Syracuse, NY 13210-2617

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:46:57 -0400

From: "samuraity@yahoo.com" <samuraity@yahoo.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. The ocean is the cradle of our existence and we need them to survive.

Sincerely, Tyler Peck 269 route 32 south new paltz, NY 12561

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:46:07 -0400

From: "sjones1149@aol.com" <sjones1149@aol.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely,

Sandra C. Jones

p.s.I feel that the public, in general, is way too apathetic/oblivious to this whole matter; the general feeling, I think, is 'what can one person do?' But, that is how change is made, by many people all joining in. Sandra Jones 230 Fostertown Rd. Newburgh, NY 12550

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:45:37 -0400

From: "brodowa@attglobal.net" <brodowa@attglobal.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

In order to ensure a source of healthful fish in our diets, I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. It seems that our environment is endangered in many areas, and I feel we must be vigilant wherever we can.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mary Brodoway Mary Brodoway 215 Dakota Ave. Wilmington, DE 19803

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:45:26 -0400

From: "georgebrieger@yahoo.com" <georgebrieger@yahoo.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

I hope the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Bush Administration will have the interests of the public and future generations of Americans in mind this time, instead of giving in to the demands of industry.

Sincerely, George Brieger 181 Webster Ave Brooklyn, NY 11230

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:45:06 -0400

From: "lshersh@starband.net" <lshersh@starband.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Lee Hersh PO BOX 449 PAINTED POST, NY 14870

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:44:36 -0400

From: "nroskos@drew.edu" <nroskos@drew.edu>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely,

Nicole Roskos Nicole Roskos 112 California Quarry Woodstock, NY 12498

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:43:06 -0400

From: "sylvian99@earthlink.net" <sylvian99@earthlink.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Sylvia Nibley 235 E 1700 S SLC, UT 84115

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:42:16 -0400

From: "sdog579@aol.com" <sdog579@aol.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely,

Shannon Smith Shannon Smith 524 76th Street Brooklyn, NY 11209

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:40:56 -0400

From: "jwmorgan@velocitus.net" <jwmorgan@velocitus.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. We must be good stewards of our entire planet.

Sincerely, John Morgan 2759 Lancaster Boise, ID 83702

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:39:06 -0400

From: "blackefrost@frontiernet.net" <blackefrost@frontiernet.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. There is so much we have yet to learn from the world's waters. I fear that the opportunity will expire with the growing threat of pollution and excessive fishing.

Sincerely, John Parsons 8959 Rte. 63 N Dansville, NY 14437

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:38:56 -0400

From: "jlopez41@cox.net" <jlopez41@cox.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

The oceans are not limitless, although we have treated them as if they are. The future of the oceans depends on what we do today.

Sincerely, Chris Lopez 2717 Woodbury Road Edmond, OK 73034

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:38:15 -0400

From: "sdawes@cox.net" <sdawes@cox.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Steven Dawes 5708 S 15Th St Omaha, NE 68107

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:38:15 -0400

From: "kedsandaj@juno.com" <kedsandaj@juno.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Kedrann Hill 1023 E 425 N Ogden, UT 84404

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:37:55 -0400

From: "crislanda@hotmail.com" <crislanda@hotmail.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Carisa Landa Connell Ave. Missoula, MT 59801

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:37:35 -0400

From: "rakmet@msn.com" <rakmet@msn.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Robert Keilbach 134-28 60 Ave Flushing, NY 11355

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:37:35 -0400

From: "chinacat@voicenet.com" <chinacat@voicenet.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Diane Jones 3107 N. Monroe St. Wilmington, DE 19802

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:37:05 -0400

From: "mcgowank@sgfallssd.org" <mcgowank@sgfallssd.org>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Kathleen McGowan PO Box 219 Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:36:05 -0400

From: "tspears@alaska.com" <tspears@alaska.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

I am crushed to think that this may not be a priority to Americans. I grew up near the Pacific Ocean, and spent part of my youth on the Atlantic Seaboard. Now I am far away from the crash of the surf, but I want others to enjoy it as much as I was able to in the 60's and 70's.

When I heard about the declining health of our oceans, I thought I had to do something. Letting you know I am concerned is a first step.

Sincerely, Christina Spears PO Box 244665

Anchorage, AK 99524

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:35:55 -0400

From: "cloen@brandeis.edu" <cloen@brandeis.edu>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Jason Cloen 7 Rosewood Dr Pittsford, NY 14534

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:35:55 -0400

From: "dgervais@earthlink.net" <dgervais@earthlink.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, David Gervais 10 Park Terrace East Apt. 3-i New York, NY 10034

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:35:35 -0400

From: "linearsystems@execs.com" < linearsystems@execs.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Larry Johnson 700D S Air Depot, Ste:343 Midwest City, OK 73110

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:33:34 -0400

From: "BROLSKY@PRODIGY.NET" <BROLSKY@PRODIGY.NET>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, BOB ROLSKY BOB ROLSKY 9940 E. MARIPOSA GRANDE DRIVE SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:32:54 -0400

From: "felursus@nyc.rr.com" <felursus@nyc.rr.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Karen Spencer 116 Pinehurst Avenue C-21 New York, NY 10033

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:32:54 -0400

From: "gaperklake@aol.com" <gaperklake@aol.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Guy Perkins 6155 Plumas, # 24 Reno, NV 89509

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:32:04 -0400

From: "spirit1@zoominternet.net" <spirit1@zoominternet.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Edward DeCicco 7462 Tobin Road Addison, NY 14801

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:30:14 -0400

From: "nikki@utahpets.org" <nikki@utahpets.org>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Nikki Sharp 499 N. 200 W. #35 Bountiful, UT 84010

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:30:04 -0400

From: "avealon@excite.com" <avealon@excite.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Geniene Catalano 2790 Ravazza Rd Reno, NV 89521

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:29:04 -0400

From: "bparker@muw.edu" <bparker@muw.edu>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. Too many once abundant fish species have already been reduced to alarmingly low levels.

Sincerely, William Parker 1219 Mapleview Dr. West Point, MS 39773

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:28:54 -0400

From: "goldma@planet-save.com" <goldma@planet-save.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, kenn goldman po box 43835 tucson, AZ 85733

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:28:44 -0400

From: "arianne425@yahoo.com" <arianne425@yahoo.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Arianne Peterson 1215 S Forest Ave #156 Tempe, AZ 85281

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:28:34 -0400

From: "bwells@emsmichigan.net" <bwells@emsmichigan.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Brian Wells 360 W. Illinois #3E Chicago, IL 60610

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:27:54 -0400

From: "ccvolunteer@xmission.com" <ccvolunteer@xmission.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I have been a scuba diver for the past ten years, and have been on dives in the pacific, atlantic and caribbean oceans. The majesty of the reef is virtually indescribable, I only wish I had been able to see it in its pristine condition. To think that my grandchildren may never get to experience live coral reefs is very disheartening. The reefs are dying at an astounding rate, and near shore mangroves (fish nurseries) are becoming polluted.

We must remember that we depend on the oceans for our very survival.

Please do as much as possible to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Cassia Dippo Salt Lake City, Utah Cassia Dippo 2810 E. 4135 South Salt Lake City, UT 84124

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:27:03 -0400

From: "catchall@waynemumford.com" <catchall@waynemumford.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

Ocean habitats and species populations must be protected and managed to sustain its current condition at the very least. Its evident that man has begun to globally effect water quality, fish populations, and ecosystems in general, in a negative way.

If you consider anything, consider strengthening current standards or revisions that enchance current standards in a way that further protects our ocean ecosystems.

The ocean is not a dumping ground for the human population nor can it support the exploitation that is currently under way. We have already seen land populations and habitats suffer the effects of special interest, namely profiteering for short term gain and ignoring the long term implications.

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Wayne Mumford Wayne Mumford 105 Good Country Rd Kalispell, MT 59901

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:26:23 -0400

From: "elindefrin@aol.com" <elindefrin@aol.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Elin Defrin PO Box 58 Amenia, NY 12501

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:25:23 -0400

From: "oharebrian@msn.com" <oharebrian@msn.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Brian O'Hare 700 West End Avenue - 12A New York, NY 10025

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:25:13 -0400

From: "yodamae@msn.com" <yodamae@msn.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Al Bolding 250 E Betsy Ct Gilbert, AZ 85296

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:24:23 -0400

From: "eflanagan@nyc.rr.com" <eflanagan@nyc.rr.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Eileen Flanagan 509 East 73rd St. Apt. 3 New York, NY 10021

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:24:02 -0400

From: "pash@commspeed.net" <pash@commspeed.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

Please do whatever you possibly can to protect our oceans rather than weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Pash Galbavy 400 Loy Lane Sedona, AZ 86336-9187

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:20:32 -0400

From: "rkuntz1@cox.net" <rkuntz1@cox.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Rosamond Kuntz 629 36th Ave NW Norman, OK 73070-8118

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:20:22 -0400

From: "chef1282@yahoo.com" <chef1282@yahoo.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Joel Serrano 1916 E 33 Street Brooklyn, NY 11234

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:19:12 -0400

From: "ehegeman@pipeline.com" <ehegeman@pipeline.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, eliza hegeman 100 riverside dr. ny, NY 10024

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:18:12 -0400

From: "heathbleau@yahoo.com" <heathbleau@yahoo.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Overfishing, habitat destruction, and poor management have depleted the biodiversity and resources of our oceans. Please ensure that essential fish habitat guidelines remain in full force so that future generations may enjoy the bounty and beauty of healthy oceans.

Sincerely, Heather Phipps 3013 15th Street, NE Washington, DC 20017

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:18:02 -0400

From: "donna4mosgaard@yahoo.com" <donna4mosgaard@yahoo.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

It is so important to sustain fish habitats. Earths human inhabitants rely on fish for our food and livlihoods.

Sincerely,

Donna Mosgaard 203 Jan Lynn Street Siloam Springs, AR 72761

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:16:01 -0400 From: "llew@aros.net" < llew@aros.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely,

Llewellyn Humphreys 380 'E' Street Salt Lake City, UT 84103

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:15:41 -0400

From: "dfoster10@cox.net" <dfoster10@cox.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I am writing to ask you protect our oceans by not weakening essential fish habitat.

Sincerely, Dorothy Foster 3522 SW 33rd Terrace Topeka, KS 66614-3341

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:15:11 -0400

From: "mishakachina@usadatanet.net" <mishakachina@usadatanet.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

Please protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Misha Fredericks 105A College Lane Millbrook, NY 12545

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:14:11 -0400 From: "ebare@att.net" <ebare@att.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. Please protect our natural resources by streengthening laws against polution.

Sincerely, Edith Bare 3821 Deatsville Rod Cox's Creek,, KY 40013

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:11:50 -0400

From: "dquintana1@nyc.rr.com" <dquintana1@nyc.rr.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, David Quintana 9318 103rd Avenue Ozone Park, NY 11417

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:11:40 -0400

From: "chip billharz@patagonia.com" <chip billharz@patagonia.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, chip billharz 1850 idlewild dr # A12 reno, NV 89509

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:11:20 -0400

From: "jericalbert@hotmail.com" <jericalbert@hotmail.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

There is nothing more dishartning than to see an old oil slick with packing material, seaweed and small animals "glued" to it, out on the deep ocean. I saw these things more than 30 years ago in the U.S. Navy I had had hoped that things had changed.

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Eric Albert 459 State St Brooklyn, NY 11217

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:10:50 -0400

From: "ssteve1@nycap.rr.com" <ssteve1@nycap.rr.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Susan Stevens 181 washington st apt 1 Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:10:20 -0400

From: "carol3262000@yahoo.com" <carol3262000@yahoo.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

We must act more responsibily toward the environment, oceans included, or we are soon going to be in serious trouble.

Sincerely, Carol Hauschild 710 E Thompson Garden City, KS 67846

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:10:00 -0400

From: "jimspisak@hotmail.com" <jimspisak@hotmail.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Thomas Spisak 102 Braeburn Drive Ocean Springs, MS 39564

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:10:00 -0400

From: "bschwarz@capital.net" <bschwarz@capital.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Bill Schwarz 41-I Horicon Ave. Glens Falls, NY 12801

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:10:00 -0400

From: "t.sermak@verizon.net" <t.sermak@verizon.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Timothy Sermak 10101 67th Dr. Forest Hills, NY 11375

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:09:40 -0400

From: "hut2nanapapa@webtv.net" <hut2nanapapa@webtv.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Janet Hutto 4040 E 44 St Tulsa, OK 74135

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:08:49 -0400

From: "ams64@juno.com" <ams64@juno.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Alex Stavis 65 E. 96 St., Apt. 9A New York, NY 10128

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:08:39 -0400

From: "ams64@juno.com" <ams64@juno.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Alex Stavis 65 E. 96 St., Apt. 9A New York, NY 10128

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:08:19 -0400

From: "kmo5@geneseo.edu" <kmo5@geneseo.edu>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Kyla OBrien 84 South Coleman Rd Centereach, NY 11720

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:08:19 -0400

From: "sarahmclean@earthlink.net" <sarahmclean@earthlink.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. Please ensure proper management of our natural resources.

Sincerely, Sarah McLean 200 Lewis Way Sedona, AZ 86336

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:08:09 -0400

From: "fangyuan@fas.harvard.edu" < fangyuan@fas.harvard.edu>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Fang Yuan Fang Yuan 65-33 168th St. Fresh Meadows, NY 11365

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:06:29 -0400

From: "sternphoto@erols.com" <sternphoto@erols.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. It is very short-sighted to cater to the fishing industry now, at the expense of future generations. Now is the critical time to PROTECT THE OCEANS.

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:06:29 -0400

From: "sternphoto@erols.com" <sternphoto@erols.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

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Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:05:38 -0400

From: "trevormeyers@hotmail.com" <trevormeyers@hotmail.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

According to the National Marine Fisheries Service's assessment of the Magnuson-Stevens Act:

"The SFA greatly improved the mechanisms available for managing the conservation of fisheries resources and established a standardized process for rebuilding overfished stocks. As a result, many stocks around the country have been rebuilt or are in the process of rebuilding. The SFA established a foundation for ensuring that the nation realizes the greatest benefits from its living marine resources."

Why would we backtrack on this? The Bush Administration has provided no explanation of how the proposed amendments to the SFA will protect fish habitats.

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Trevor Meyers 1364 Sheridan St NW Washington, DC 20011

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:05:18 -0400

From: "sternphoto@erols.com" <sternphoto@erols.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

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To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

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Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:05:18 -0400

From: "smcoger@uark.edu" <smcoger@uark.edu>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

How could you possibly consider weakening the already insufficient fish habitat guidelines? It makes me want to pull my hair out. Please don't. Bush has done enough to screw the environment for years.

Please.

Stephen

Stephen Coger 31 S Stadium Drive Fayetteville, AR 72701

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:05:08 -0400

From: "sternphoto@erols.com" <sternphoto@erols.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

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Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:05:08 -0400

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To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

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Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:04:58 -0400

From: "sternphoto@erols.com" <sternphoto@erols.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. It is very short-sighted to cater to the fishing industry now, at the expense of future generations. Now is the critical time to PROTECT THE OCEANS.

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:04:58 -0400

From: "sternphoto@erols.com" <sternphoto@erols.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. It is very short-sighted to cater to the fishing industry now, at the expense of future generations. Now is the critical time to PROTECT THE OCEANS.

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:04:28 -0400

From: "rcwg30@email.sps.mot.com" <rcwg30@email.sps.mot.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

The alternative is a dead planet, do you want that for your grandchildren?

Sincerely, Phil Krenz 3468 E. Runaway Bay Pl Chandler, AS 85249

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:03:07 -0400

From: "dquintana1@nyc.rr.com" <dquintana1@nyc.rr.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, David Quintana 9318 103rd Avenue Ozone Park, NY 11417

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:02:37 -0400

From: "cooperneville555@msn.com" <cooperneville555@msn.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Cooper Neville 229 Fairgrounds Rd. Hamilton, MT 59840

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 19:00:57 -0400

From: "dquintana1@nyc.rr.com" <dquintana1@nyc.rr.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, David Quintana 9318 103rd Avenue Ozone Park, NY 11417

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:59:37 -0400

From: "rdhead56@aol.com" <rdhead56@aol.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Terry Gallman 6222 Fortner St Dothan, AL 36305

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:59:27 -0400

From: "lela@gardensnyc.net" < lela@gardensnyc.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Lela Cooper 77 Park Terrace East New York, NY 10034

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:59:17 -0400

From: "huberman@canisius.edu" <huberman@canisius.edu>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Anne Huberman 303 Highland Ave. Buffalo, NY 14222-1750

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:58:37 -0400

From: "RNBowers@aol.com" <RNBowers@aol.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

The anti-environmental Bush administration has done enough damage. Have the moral fortitude to do the right thing, not bow to special interests.

Sincerely, Nora Bowers 1541 West Hudson Pl Tucson, AZ 85704

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:58:17 -0400

From: "ralph0000@hotmail.com" <ralph0000@hotmail.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Ralph Kelly 211 Auburn Dr. #3 Auburn, AL 36830

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:57:47 -0400

From: "BowersPhoto@aol.com" <BowersPhoto@aol.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

The anti-environmental Bush administration has done enough damage. Have the moral fortitude to do the right thing, not bow to special interests.

Sincerely, Rick Bowers 1541 West Hudson Place Tucson, AZ 85704

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:57:27 -0400

From: "epi-psychidion@att.net" <epi-psychidion@att.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, marcel miernik 40 riverview rd irvington, NY 10533

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:56:57 -0400

From: "BlackThumb@Planet-Save.com" <BlackThumb@Planet-Save.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Shirley Black 42 Marden Ave Sea Cliff, NY 11579

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:56:17 -0400

From: "parkside@bigsky.net" <parkside@bigsky.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. If any changes are made, it should be to strengthen protections. The ecological health of our oceans is at an all-time low. Any effort to weaken existing protections would be extremely irresponsible.

Sincerely, Jennifer Swearingen Jennifer Swearingen 502 South 6th Avenue Bozeman, MT 59715

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:55:57 -0400

From: "amanda.moore@aya.yale.edu" <amanda.moore@aya.yale.edu>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Amanda Moore 513 N Wilson Ave Morehead, KY 40351

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:55:57 -0400

From: "danimalj@backpacker.com" <danimalj@backpacker.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Dan Jannone 450 Arena Dr Prescott, AZ 86301

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:53:47 -0400

From: "bdsneed@sbcglobal.net" <bdsneed@sbcglobal.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Dena Sneed 5214 W. 79th Terrace Prairie Village, KS 66208

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:53:27 -0400

From: "catpurrson@alltel.net" <catpurrson@alltel.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

Our oceans are in failing health. We must do all we can to protect them. Please do not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Ann Marevis 1289 County Rd. 72 Mentone, AL 35984

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:52:47 -0400

From: "terngull@hotmail.com" <terngull@hotmail.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. Our oceans are being overfished and the spawning and nursing grounds must be protected.

Sincerely, Tim Daniels PO Box 20601 New York, NY 10023

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:52:17 -0400

From: "pekiwa@yahoo.com" <pekiwa@yahoo.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

Our oceans, like the rest of Mother Earth, are in desperate need of further protection... not less! You are accountable for what happens to them. American children, and the rest of the world will remember what you do now. Make the right choice. Continue protecting our oceans to the fullest extent.

Thank you!

Peter Wagner peter wagner 8680 tompkinsville rd. summer shade, KY 42166-9727

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:51:37 -0400

From: "gmh3@nyc.rr.com" <gmh3@nyc.rr.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten:

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. I have seen the future based on the present and it is not comforting.

Sincerely,

G. Miki Hayden

NEW PACIFIC--at last, the sequel to PACIFIC EMPIRE--a corporate security investigator is set to finding a missing scientist in 2031. http://www.silverlakepublishing.com/catalog/newpac.html G. Miki Hayden

NY, NY 10036

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:50:17 -0400

From: "robinanddarby@yahoo.com" <robinanddarby@yahoo.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, robin larkin 121 scotch bush rd burnt hills, NY 12027

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:49:17 -0400

From: "mmorga10@yahoo.com" <mmorga10@yahoo.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Melissa Bishop P.O. Box 491 Speonk, NY 11972

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:48:37 -0400

From: "organizing@cwa1168.org" <organizing@cwa1168.org>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Helen Cyrulik 505 Delaware Avenue Buffalo, NY 14202

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:48:27 -0400

From: "yarger@in-tch.com" <yarger@in-tch.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Andrea Yarger 523 Juniper Shores Lane Dayton, MT 59914

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:47:37 -0400

From: "jackdbrownjr@hotmail.com" <jackdbrownjr@hotmail.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Jack Brown Jr 334 3rd Ave N Payette, ID 83661

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:46:27 -0400

From: "Roxannerycepaul@netzero.net" <Roxannerycepaul@netzero.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Roxanne Ryce-Paul 172 attorney st 6 NY, NY 10002

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:45:27 -0400

From: "ja_monson@juno.com" <ja_monson@juno.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. Leave us something to pass on.

Sincerely, Jeanette Monson P.O. Box 1323 Missoula, MT 59806

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:39:47 -0400

From: "jbrtakatsch@citlink.net" <jbrtakatsch@citlink.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Julie Takatsch 67 Schoolhouse Rd Port Jervis, NY 12771

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:38:17 -0400

From: "kaibab@rcn.com" <kaibab@rcn.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Mitchell Sendrowitz 155 W. 68 St. #1605 New York, NY 10023

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:37:27 -0400

From: "jkthecat666@aol.com" <jkthecat666@aol.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

The oceans are a vast and still-mysterious part of the earth, taking up 2/3 of the planet, and we must stop depleting the life in them ... we don't know the results in terms of the next generations.

Sincerely, Judith Canepa 716 East 11th Street #2P New York, NV 10009

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:37:27 -0400

From: "mtspitz@webtv.net" <mtspitz@webtv.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Why would we want to threaten our oceans with weakened guidelines, makes absolutely no sense. Marlene T Spitz 1525 So Cape Verde Pl Tucson, AZ 85748

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:37:07 -0400

From: "laureljbeard@fastmail.fm" < laureljbeard@fastmail.fm>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Laurel Beard 1619 Fairway Dr SW Jacksonville, AL 36265

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:36:47 -0400

From: "ekolek@glendaleaz.com" <ekolek@glendaleaz.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I STRONGLY urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. Why would anyone want to do this????

Mankind is NOT the only species on planet earth!!! We must do all in our power to protect our fragile ecosystem.

Sincerely, Elaine Kolek 20449 N. 105 Ave. Peoria, AZ 85382

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:36:17 -0400

From: "msg0@optonline.net" <msg0@optonline.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Molly Shearer Gabel 246 East Montauk Highway Hampton Bays, NY 11946

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:35:57 -0400

From: "ayodele@maakherumusic.com" <ayodele@maakherumusic.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, AYODELE MAAKHERU 1342 ELDER AVE. BRONX, NY 10472

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:34:57 -0400

From: "paulhere@mindspring.com" <paulhere@mindspring.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I lived on the California coast for many years and have traveled to many places in the world and observed the oceans. While there are places that are beautiful, I fear the destruction that humans are causing are ruining our last frontier. Consider the lack of a cod fishery in the NE United States. Consider the so called "dead zones" that exist in our oceans today. Take a look at the debris floating in our oceans and landing on beaches if it doesn't first harm or kill many species of marine animal. Read any of the studies about pcp's and other deadly carcinogens that exist in our marine wildlife and ask where that is coming from.

Our oceans need help as well as the marine wildlife that live in them. We should set up no fishing or harvesting zones in the oceans and not allow any depletion of the limited resource that we have in most of these areas. We should have strict laws that are enforced regarding the release of deadly chemicals that go into that habitat. The United States should be a leader in this regard, not the main source causing deadly problems that are being encountered.

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. Watch the National Geographic channel. Learn about the problems. You will see. Tell George Bush to also. Expand his horizon.

Sincerely, Paul Martin 116 Provident Drive Boise, ID 83706

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:34:07 -0400

From: "katadams@vassar.edu" <katadams@vassar.edu>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Kathryn Adams 313 Kenwood Ave Delmar, NY 12054

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:32:57 -0400

From: "amurphy1@tulane.edu" <amurphy1@tulane.edu>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Alan Murphy 3278 Pepperhill Rd. Lexington, KY 40502

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:32:47 -0400

From: "John7March@aol.com" < John7March@aol.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

Our oceans no longer sustain as much life as they used to. Overfishing, habitat destruction, and very poor managemet=nt have all led to this alarming decline in the health of our seas.

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines

Sincerely,

John Marchese 3155 Laurel Avenue Henderson, Nevada 89014 702-435-5678 John Marchese 3155 Laurel Avenue Henderson, NV 89014

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:32:37 -0400

From: "sherilyn@infofuel.com" <sherilyn@infofuel.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Sherilyn Orr Box 8464 Boise, ID 83707

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:29:07 -0400

From: "LadyNivienne@aol.com" <LadyNivienne@aol.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Melora Horvath 93 N. Cooper Rd. #27 Chandler, AZ 85225

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:28:17 -0400

From: "CNikolaus@blackfoot.net" < CNikolaus@blackfoot.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Susan Nikolaus 1760 Mt Hwy 200 Noxon, MT 59853

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:27:57 -0400

From: "jlk036@yahoo.com" <jlk036@yahoo.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. Overfishing, habitat destruction, and poor management have led to an alarming decline in the health of our waters.

Sincerely, John Kolakowski 4651 Q St., NW Washington, DC 20007

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:27:16 -0400

From: "spncsj@juno.com" <spncsj@juno.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Pat Nicholson 2104 S. Broadway Pi, KS 66762

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:27:16 -0400

From: "slforrest@mcn.net" <slforrest@mcn.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

There is too much at stake. Critical US fisheries have been dramatically reduced over the last few decades. Laws allow continuing habitat destruction by bottom dragging fishing. How can we even consider weakening existing ocean protections which already do not adequately protect our fisheries?? Our fisheries are key resources for feeding our country, and as such must be managed at a sustainable level, meaning close monitoring of fishery takes and habitat quality.

Sincerely, Louise Forrest 9443 Cottonwood Rd Bozeman, MT 59718

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:27:06 -0400

From: "kmg1978@mail.utexas.edu" <kmg1978@mail.utexas.edu>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Kenny Grossman

Austin, TX 78705

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:25:46 -0400

From: "dehaas@micron.com" <dehaas@micron.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Dylan Haas 604 E. Jefferson St Boise, ID 83712

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:25:36 -0400 From: "jbaly@att.net" <jbaly@att.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Janice Baly 28 Standiford Court Wilmington, DE 19804

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:25:36 -0400

From: "mtrebella@hotmail.com" <mtrebella@hotmail.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. Having worked for commercial fisherman, I understand how important it is to maintain fish habitat, no matter the cost (even to commercial fisherman).

Sincerely, Matt Trebella 2506 Snapdragon St Bozeman, MT 59718

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:25:36 -0400

From: "mtrebella@hotmail.com" <mtrebella@hotmail.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. Having worked for commercial fisherman, I understand how important it is to maintain fish habitat, no matter the cost (even to commercial fisherman).

Sincerely, Matt Trebella 2506 Snapdragon St Bozeman, MT 59718

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:25:26 -0400

From: "mtrebella@hotmail.com" <mtrebella@hotmail.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. Having worked for commercial fisherman, I understand how important it is to maintain fish habitat, no matter the cost (even to commercial fisherman).

Sincerely, Matt Trebella 2506 Snapdragon St Bozeman, MT 59718

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:24:46 -0400

From: "tatoosh@selway.umt.edu" <tatoosh@selway.umt.edu>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, wendy parciak 4885 Arnica Rd Missoula, MT 59803

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:24:26 -0400

From: "rosewgarden@webtv.net" <rosewgarden@webtv.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely,save our oceans!!!!!
Rose W. Garden
19 West Main ST
Niddletown, NY 10940

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:24:16 -0400

From: "dmingall@alaska.com" <dmingall@alaska.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Dan Ingall 5847 DeBarr Road Apt 22 Anchorage, AK 99504

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:23:45 -0400

From: "stlvbvps@hotmail.com" <stlvbvps@hotmail.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Bob Ronkese U of Delaware Newark, DE 19716

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:23:35 -0400

From: "beverly@stowecompany.com" <beverly@stowecompany.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Beverly Stowe 21 West 58th Street New York, NY 10019

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:23:05 -0400

From: "Chrisd@tmscorp.com" < Chrisd@tmscorp.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Chris Downs 6195 Lou George Loop Bessemer, AL 35022

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:22:35 -0400

From: "dwaz@fastq.com" <dwaz@fastq.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Stephen Brittle 6205 South 12th Street Phoenix, AZ 85042

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:22:25 -0400

From: "emilyboone@aol.com" <emilyboone@aol.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Emily C. Boone 102 Pope Street Louisville, KY 40206

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:22:25 -0400

From: "dwaz@fastq.com" <dwaz@fastq.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Stephen Brittle 6205 South 12th Street Phoenix, AZ 85042

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:21:05 -0400

From: "TADdzine2@aol.com" <TADdzine2@aol.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Timothy Droll 2130 N Street NW Washington, DC 20037

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:21:05 -0400

From: "marydenise@earthlink.net" <marydenise@earthlink.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Mary Musser 5221 Holly Springs Little Rock, AR 72206

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:20:55 -0400

From: "Carmst2946@aol.com" <Carmst2946@aol.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Carolyn Armstrong 9411 Graceful Gold Street Las Vegas, NV 89123

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:19:54 -0400

From: "blackpyecat@yahoo.com" <blackpyecat@yahoo.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. There is already an unacceptable amount of mercury in the tuna that the world consumes. The guidelines need to be strengthened and enforced; not weakened!

Sincerely, Annette Bigler 1822 Normandy Road Lexington, 40504

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:19:34 -0400

From: "traductorhbr@hotmail.com" <traductorhbr@hotmail.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

DO NOT, I REPEAT, DO NOT WEAKEN / ALLOW POLITICAL INTERESTS TO WEAKEN THE REGULATIONS THAT PROTECT OUR OCEANS FROM FURTHER DETEERIORATION.

Sincerely,

H. Bruce Raymond, Ph.D. Tucson, AZ

HBRUCE RAYMOND PO BOX 85763 TUCSON, AZ 85754-5763

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:18:04 -0400

From: "info@riverbendinst.com" <info@riverbendinst.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

This is to express my opposition to weakening existing fish habitat guidelines. The oceans must be used in a sustainable way to avoid even more serious, possible insoluble, problems for our children.

Sincerely, Stanley D Echols Stanley Echols 4032 Montevallo Road Birmingham, AL 35213

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:17:24 -0400

From: "pirg@jeremiahblatz.com" <pirg@jeremiahblatz.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Jeremiah Blatz 505 E. 14th St., Apt 10D New York, NY 10009

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:16:44 -0400

From: "pmaloney@jam.rr.com" <pmaloney@jam.rr.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Paul & Traci Maloney 4243 Brussels Drive JACKSON, MS 39211-6106

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:15:54 -0400

From: "gerritcrouse@netscape.net" < gerritcrouse@netscape.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans, not further weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

I write as an emeritus member of the American Institute of Biological Sciences (AIBS), which represents the Association of Ecosystem Research Stations, the Organization of Biological Field Stations, the National Association of Marine Labratories, the Estuarine Research Federation, the American Society of Limnology & Oceanography, the American Fisheries Society, the National Shellfisheries Association, the Crop Science Society of America, the Society of Environmental Toxicology & Chemistry, the National Association of Biology Teachers, the Society for Ecological Restoration, the US Society for Ecological Economics, & 74 other American professional biological societies & associations.

Sincerely, Gerrit Crouse PhD Gerrit Crouse PhD 38 4th Avenue Nyack, NY 10960-2119

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:11:33 -0400

From: "daniel_godshall@excite.com" <daniel_godshall@excite.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Daniel Godshall 1342 Dusty Creek St Las Vegas, NV 89128

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:10:53 -0400

From: "ASHEVIS@NYGOEXPRESS.COM" <ASHEVIS@NYGOEXPRESS.COM>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, ARON SHEVIS 36 SEABRING ST BROOKLYN, NY 11231

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:10:12 -0400

From: "mooremc@aol.com" <mooremc@aol.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, meredith jordan 28 shelton rd auburn, AL 36830

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:09:02 -0400

From: "cherislushi@yahoo.com" <cherislushi@yahoo.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Claudia Olivie 65 W 13th Street (Apt 9G) New York, NY 10011

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:07:02 -0400

From: "rex1925@webtv.net" <rex1925@webtv.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, robert boylson 470 Farrell Dr Covington, KY 41011

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:07:02 -0400

From: "btpoulos@hotmail.com" <btpoulos@hotmail.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

The resources that are available from the world's oceans once seemed limitless and we thought that there was no way we could pollute such large bodies of water. We now know that both of these assumptions are wrong. We have over-fished countless aquatic species, bringing some of them to the brink of extinction. We have so polluted some of the oceans that their recreational use near coastal areas is threatened and the species they support are being harmed. As a country, we have chosen to protect this resource from further degradation and have placed some much needed restrictions on activities that threaten the health of these marine environments. Please do not turn back the clock. Do not weaken the precautions that are in place to preserve the rich oceanic resource.

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Bonnie T. Poulos 1208 E. Smoot Dr. Tucson, AZ 85719

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:06:32 -0400

From: "karenku@portmed.org" <karenku@portmed.org>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

Currently, under the Magnuson-Stevens Act, essential fish habitat is protected under federal law. However, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), the agency in charge of federal fisheries, is currently considering making changes to the existing protections.

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Karen Kuster 980 Jones Pocatello, ID 83201

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:06:12 -0400

From: "jmulkey3@cox.net" <jmulkey3@cox.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, John Mulkey 24618 N. 39th Ave. Glendale, AZ 85310

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:05:22 -0400

From: "Brian_J_McMorrow@yahoo.com" <Brian_J_McMorrow@yahoo.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Brian McMorrow 1516 E Seneca St Tucson, AZ 85719

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:05:22 -0400

From: "bbram@montana.edu" <bbram@montana.edu>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Robert Bramblett 806 South Tracy Bozeman, MT 59715

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:04:52 -0400

From: "donnagreenwell@netzero.net" <donnagreenwell@netzero.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Donna Greenwell 46 Waterbury St. Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:04:02 -0400

From: "rus94@yahoo.com" <rus94@yahoo.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Russell Slone 27 Sterrett Ave Covington, KY 41014

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:03:42 -0400

From: "jgarder@earthjustice.org" <jgarder@earthjustice.org>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, John Garder 1824 Lamont St., NW Washington, DC 20010

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 18:03:32 -0400

From: "wbrownky@aol.com" <wbrownky@aol.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

Our oceans are in crisis. Though the ocean seems limitless and bountiful, our oceans no longer sustain as much life as they used to.

Overfishing, habitat destruction, and poor management have all led to this alarming decline in the health of our oceans.

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Wendy Brown 1853 Tanglewood Ct. #6 Burlington, KY 41005

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 17:59:31 -0400

From: "kjloope@wisc.edu" <kjloope@wisc.edu>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Kevin Loope 1300 N 37th St. Lincoln, NE 68503

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 17:57:20 -0400

From: "ellenkit@wildmail.com" <ellenkit@wildmail.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. Thank you for your sincere consideration of this matter.

Sincerely, Ellen Kittredge 2912 16th Street, NE Washington, DC 20018

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 17:57:10 -0400

From: "colter@epochonline.com" <colter@epochonline.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Colter McCorkindale 325 W. 29th Street North Little Rock, AR 72114

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 17:56:50 -0400

From: "jlw8888@ksu.edu" <jlw8888@ksu.edu>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Jenny Widmer 2213 Blaker Dr. Manhattan, KS 66502

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 17:55:20 -0400

From: "beverly.burns@att.net" <beverly.burns@att.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely,

Beverly Burns 1681 East Cindy Street Chandler, AZ 85225

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 17:52:09 -0400

From: "rebecca.bounds@jocoks.com" <rebecca.bounds@jocoks.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Becky Bounds 6104 Foster Apt. 105 Overland Park, KS 66202

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 17:51:49 -0400

From: "stacemonious@hotmail.com" <stacemonious@hotmail.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Stacey Hubert p.o. box 40042 Tucson, AZ 85717

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 17:50:29 -0400

From: "landebu@yahoo.com" <landebu@yahoo.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Lorianne Burhop 509 S 5th E Missoula, MT 59801

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 17:50:09 -0400

From: "ericka@cerowood.com" <ericka@cerowood.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

After visiting the Atlantic and Carrebean I can appreciate the value of our marine habitat. I spoke with many people who were disappointed in the beaches and reefs they had visited 10-20 years ago. Their comment was that there were fewer fish, hardly any compared to their previous visits.

This was simply due to the fact that we have over-fished many areas, distroyed reefs and cleared out cays full of mangrove trees. A healthy ocean habitat is vital for both the fishing industry and the many plants and animals that live in it. It is vital to us, as humans, to take care of what we have left.

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Ericka Cero Wood 6901 E. Cheery Lynn Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85251

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 17:50:09 -0400

From: "david_kennedy2000@yahoo.com" <david_kennedy2000@yahoo.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, David Kennedy 7791 E. Osborn Rd. #248E Scottsdale, AZ 85251

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 17:49:19 -0400

From: "cweinert@montana.edu" <cweinert@montana.edu>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Clarann Weinert 419 N 19 th Bozeman, MT 59718

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 17:49:19 -0400

From: "cweinert@montana.edu" <cweinert@montana.edu>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Clarann Weinert 419 N 19 th Bozeman, MT 59718

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 17:49:09 -0400

From: "cweinert@montana.edu" <cweinert@montana.edu>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Clarann Weinert 419 N 19 th Bozeman, MT 59718

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 17:48:59 -0400

From: "mike mullarkey@yahoo.com" <mike mullarkey@yahoo.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Our oceans no longer sustain as much life as they used to. I would hate to see our oceans damaged further due to the special interests that are trying to weaken ocean protections.

Sincerely, Mike Mullarkey 71 East 13th Street #12 Tucson, AZ 85701

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 17:43:48 -0400

From: "felipecuster@msn.com" <felipecuster@msn.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Felipe Custer 1711 Massachusetts Ave Washington, DC 20036

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 17:40:18 -0400

From: "sginzbar@bsc.as.ua.edu" <sginzbar@bsc.as.ua.edu>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Steven Ginzbarg 608 12th St. Apt. D Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 17:39:18 -0400

From: "elmarm@webtv.net" <elmarm@webtv.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Esther L. Meusch esther meusch

Ft.Smith, AR 72901

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 17:36:37 -0400

From: "danejac@auburn.edu" <danejac@auburn.edu>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Jacob Dane 1030 Sanders Street Auburn, AL 36830

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 17:36:37 -0400

From: "n dance@yahoo.com" <n dance@yahoo.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. We need to make sure that the United States remains in the forefront in maintaining sustainable, productive ocean environments. Weakening existing ocean protections only serves to hurt our economy in the long run.

Sincerely, Nancy Moore 111C Thornton St./Gorham's Bluff Pisgah, AL 35765

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 17:35:27 -0400

From: "cbeeson99@yahoo.com" <cbeeson99@yahoo.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Christopher Beeson 4225 E 1st St. Tucson, AZ 85711

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 17:33:57 -0400

From: "billtom6@juno.com" <billtom6@juno.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, William Thompson 18626 N Spanish Garden Dr Apt 361 Sun Cit West, AZ 85375

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 17:33:07 -0400

From: "kim.cramer@jda.com" <kim.cramer@jda.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Kim Cramer 1885 E. Canyon St. Apache Junction, AZ 85219

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 17:31:07 -0400

From: "dgolis@idahovandals.com" <dgolis@idahovandals.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Dale Golis 3731 W. Meadow Briar Dr. t, AZ 85741

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 17:30:47 -0400

From: "dennisdboe@cox.net" <dennisdboe@cox.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely,

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 17:28:56 -0400

From: "Lajocanda@aol.com" <Lajocanda@aol.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Jocanda Baldo 703 S. Blackbird Roost #32 Flagstaff, AZ 86001

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 17:24:55 -0400

From: "toddbecker@hotmail.com" <toddbecker@hotmail.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Todd Becker 8120 E. Piccadilly Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85251

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 17:24:15 -0400

From: "staceylynn@ix.netcom.com" <staceylynn@ix.netcom.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Stacey Lynn 2842 E. Blacklidge Dr. Tucson, AZ 85716

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 17:21:45 -0400

From: "gshrader@asu.edu" <gshrader@asu.edu>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Greg Shrader 3201 N. 38th St, Unit 26 Phoenix, AZ 85018

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 17:21:05 -0400

From: "Sue0407@aol.com" <Sue0407@aol.com>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines.

Sincerely, Sue Randall 217 S. Valentine Little Rock, AR 72205

Date: Tue, 20 Apr 2004 17:33:57 -0400

From: "patmanaz@comcast.net" <patmanaz@comcast.net>

To: 0648-AR76@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Schmitten,

I urge you to protect our oceans and not weaken existing essential fish habitat guidelines. I only eat fish, no meat, and most of the fish have unacceptable levels of mercury. This is also occurring in farmed fish. Sincerely, Patrick Higgins
Pat Higgins
3601 W Cobbs Place
Tucson, AZ 85745

Subject: Advance Notice of Proposed Rule Making Revising Essential Fish

Habitat Guidelines (Document number 0648-AR 76)

Date: Mon, 26 Apr 2004 16:58:35 -0400

From: "Furlong, Daniel T." <dfurlong@mafmc.org>

To: "Rolland Schmitten" < Rolland. Schmitten@noaa.gov>

This responds to your February 25, 2004 Federal Register notice on the subject.

As to the question whether the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Guidelines should be revised, the answer is: yes.

As to what revisions are necessary and how they should be revised and why, the following commentary addresses your second issue.

When the Sustainable Fisheries Act (SFA) was passed, it made one essential fish habitat finding, articulated one essential fish habitat purpose, it defined essential fish habitat, added one FMP requirement, and directed the Secretary to: establish guidelines to assist Councils, consult with fishery participants, review DOC programs, and coordinate with other Federal agencies. It also directed that all Federal agencies consult with the Secretary when they had the potential to affect essential fish habitat, gave Councils license to comment about EFH issues, and directed the Secretary to initiate and maintain fishery research to: support the identification of essential fish habitat and to minimize the conservation through conservation engineering the adverse effects on essential fish habitat. All these legislative mandates were incorporated by amendment into the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA).

During the first five years since SFA passage, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), first through internal operational guidance regarding its fishery management plans (May, 1997), then through an interim rule and ultimately its EFH final rule of January 2002, expanded on the statutory language of the SFA to address issues the agency deemed necessary to achieve the Act's intent. The Secretarial guidelines (50CFR600.805 to 600.930) divided Congress' charge into two subparts. Subpart J dealing with essential fish habitat, and Subpart K dealing with the coordination, consultation and recommendations.

In Subpart J, the Agency clearly went beyond the statutory language that was included in the SFA. Only the following three guidelines of the ten published guidelines are faithful to Congressional language, i.e., (1) description and identification of EFH, (2) fishing activities that may adversely affect EFH, and (6) conservation and enhancement. Faithful though these may be, item (2) is fatally flawed by Agency language that

creates a mockery of its "practicability" test. For all the language contained in the "practicability" paragraph, why would NMFS deny its National Standard 7 responsibilities by stating "Councils are not required to perform a formal cost/benefit analysis?" Why indeed? One can easily calculate the economic harm that the three management actions to mitigate adverse effects (gear restrictions, closures, and limits) impose, as such management actions either increase cost of operations or reduce landings. These impacts equate to quantifiable costs or lost revenues. On the other hand, the benefits associated with protecting or conserving EFH are unmeasurable and unquantifiable. Hence, any habitat protection action would always fail a "practicability" test and National Standard 7. This circumstance calls to question the Agency's commitment to the MSA's overarching purpose of achieving an optimum yield from each fishery by substituting an environmentally friendly, yet weakened cost/benefit requirement. The agenda to protect habitat for the sake of habitat regardless of its cost to the fishery and the nation, is one that should not stand. The "practicability" test should require a rigid, formal cost/benefit analysis.

As for the seven "ringers," i.e., non Magnuson-Stevens Act fishing activities that adversely effect EFH, non-fishing related activities that may adversely effect EFH, cumulative impact analysis, prey species, identification of habitat areas of particular concern, research and information needs, and review and revision of EFH components are all outside the statutory guidance contained in the Sustainable Fisheries Act, incorporated into Subpart J of the current Final Rule, the Agency invites exposure on issues that were neither addressed nor contemplated by the SFA. In effect, the Agency has provided litigation lightening rods for special interest groups who wish to advance their environmental agendas. For example, in the review and revision of EFH components of FMPs [50 CFR, Section 600.815 paragraph (10)], the Secretary was directed to "set forth a schedule for the amendment of fishery management plans to include the identification of essential fish habitat and for the review and updating such identifications based on new scientific evidence or other relevant information." One way to meet this statutory language would be to establish a requirement that Councils, when in receipt of "new scientific evidence or other relevant information" related to essential fish habitat for a species that is governed by a Council, that Council must consider such evidence or information and address it when that plan is next amended. In other words, the Council would act at its discretion and timing, rather than on a calendar driven basis, e.g., on a five-year cycle. As it is now, this calendar driven activity is another unfunded Council mandate that if unmet can be challenged in court.

Moreover, consider that in the Mid-Atlantic Council's jurisdiction, only

about two percent of the EEZ is considered to have habitat that could be affected by fishing gear, i.e., the other 98% of its habitat is either sand, clay, or mud, and such habitat when impacted by fishing gear receives a minimal effect of short duration. Why is a five-year cycle of review required in this circumstance? The current rule also indicates that NMFS will develop written recommendations to assist each Council in the identification of adverse impacts to EFH, and actions that should be considered to ensure the conservation and enhancement of EFH for each FMP. These recommendations are to be provided "for any subsequent modifications to the EFH components of an FMP". . . we have yet to receive such recommendations. In effect, we have been given the role of a small tail charged with the task of wagging a very big dog. Rather than continue the pursuit of addressing these issues on a calendar cycle, we would be better served to only address these issues when new, and if, relevant information is available.